



## Support of surveys and (clinical) trials – DCCV's Guidelines

One of DCCV's objectives is to foster research in the field of inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD). Supporting surveys and (clinical) trials is aiming at this goal. In February 2004 DCCV decided to deal with requests for participation in surveys and trials in a careful manner in order to come up to our responsibility towards IBD-patients as well as to meet the interests of researchers. The following information is based upon these decisions.

DCCV supports surveys and trials by

- publishing research requests and announcements on its homepage
- publishing research requests and announcements in the DCCV-journal „Bauchredner“ (ventriloquist), a new volume of which is issued quarterly and consists of about 20 000 copies
- sending circular letters to our members (if appropriate)

The following information and relevant papers are required for DCCV's decision on a research request:

- the study protocol or the ethics proposal or (if neither is available) a summary covering the chronological course of the project, the burdens and risks for participants and the conditions under which patients are included in or excluded from the project,
- the vote of an institutional ethics committee (it may be turned in later, but must be submitted before the DCCV-journal goes to press),
- a text calling for participants and explaining the background, the methods and the aims of the research project in a way that non-professionals can understand. The exact scientific title of the study must be given, and the responsible ethics commission and probable industrial sponsors must be mentioned. The text should comprise 2 500 – 5 000 characters (blanks included) and may be revised by our editors,
- a statement that the expenses for sending appeal letters to our members (and, if necessary, selecting a sample) will be covered

With all this information provided, the DCCV executive board and members of the advisory board will discuss the request. They may comment on it. The comment will be sent to the researcher so that he or she is given the opportunity to reply. Both comments will be printed along with the survey or trial announcement. We do not intend to make the researcher draw back the request.

Circular letters to our members are only possible with the approval of the DCCV's executive board. In contrast, the publication of requests only depends on the complete set of submitted documents. Although our DCCV-journal „Bauchredner“ is issued at the end of each quarter please note that the editorial deadline is at least six weeks previous to this date.

A second announcement of a running survey or trial will only be published if sufficient reasons as well as intermediate results are provided.



Surveys and trials within the scope of existing DCCV-cooperations (Kompetenznetz-CED = IBD competence net) and studies planned jointly with DCCV are favoured.

DCCV supports research and clinical trials as far as possible. Please do also support DCCV in return. Please mention the support of DCCV in publications, especially if it contributed successfully to the recruitment of patients. We appreciate receiving information about publications concerning a research project we supported. This facilitates our own coverage about the project and its results. Additionally, we assume that you are willing to report about your project and your findings in our DCCV-journal.

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