

Master thesis with Fimo Health GmbH

Title	Health economic impact of a patient-centric digital health solution – modelling from self-reported data
Description	<p>Patient-centric digital health solutions, such as the Fimo Health App, have the potential to influence health behavior and outcomes. In early 2020, a user survey was conducted to assess the impact of the app on health-related decision-making and behavior. Key insights from the survey include statements such as: "Thanks to the app, I can better assess whether a doctor's visit or therapy is necessary.", "A rehabilitation program has become less urgent due to the app." or "The app has helped me reduce work absences." These self-reported insights suggest that the app may have a measurable health economic impact, such as potential cost savings for healthcare payers.</p> <p>The aim of this research is to explore whether self-reported data on health behavior can be used to model the health economic impact of a digital health solution. A likely approach is to link the survey data with external sources (e.g., healthcare costs, probabilities of events) and to project potential cost savings and long-term impacts.</p>
Type of research	Conceptual, quantitative
Data source(s)	<p>Survey data from Fimo Health App users</p> <p>Data from external sources</p> <p>Potentially new survey data (if required)</p>
Does the student have to collect data?	Possibly, if a new survey is deemed necessary.
Research method(s)	<p>Health economics</p> <p>Statistics and data analysis</p> <p>Survey design (if applicable)</p>
Related courses	Health economics, Health care management
Skill(s) required	<p>Good analytical skills</p> <p>Knowledge of basic health economics concepts</p>
Background reading	<p>Gomes, M., Murray, E., & Raftery, J. (2022). Economic Evaluation of Digital Health Interventions: Methodological Issues and Recommendations for Practice. <i>Pharmacoeconomics</i>, 40(4), 367–378. doi: 10.1007/s40273-022-01130-0.</p> <p>Lange, O., et al. (2023). Health Economic Evaluation of Preventive Digital Public Health Interventions Using Decision-Analytic Modelling: A Systematized Review. <i>BMC Health Services Research</i>, 23(268). doi: 10.1186/s12913-023-09280-3.</p>

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