

Who are we asking for support?

The **SAVENT** project will take place over a three-year period. It will be carried out from April 2019 to March 2022 in the Berlin and Brandenburg regions.

In particular, we are looking for ventilated patients and their relatives who can report their experiences to us.

In addition, we are relying on the support of professional carers in the support and care of people ventilated at home – in particular, medical aids providers, clinicians, nurses and consultants as well as consultants in speech therapy and physiotherapy.

Who are we?

We are a research team at Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin working on issues including the care and support of the seriously ill at home.

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Questions?

If you have questions related to the SAVENT project or would like to support it, then please contact us.

Our contact details are adjacent.



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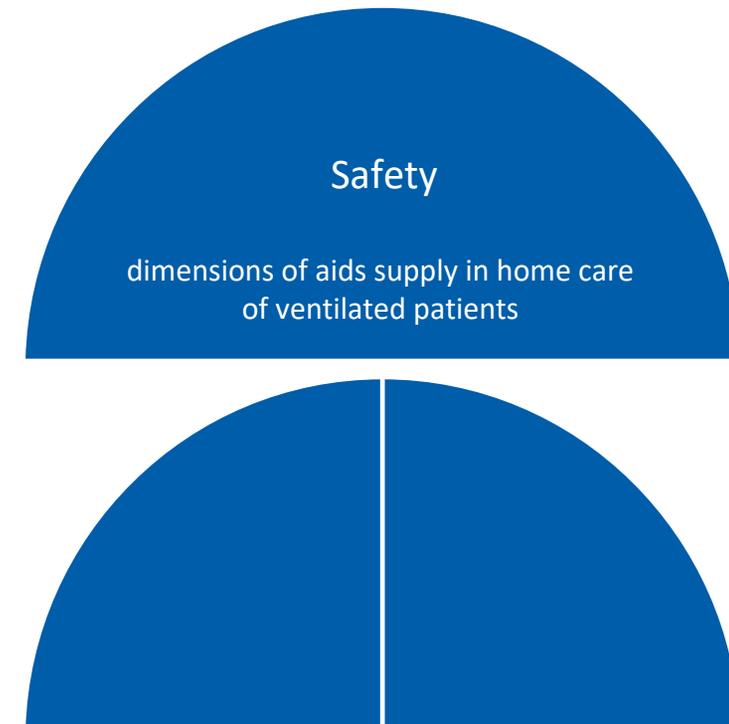
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What motivates us?

In Germany, the number of ventilated patients is on the rise. Medical and technological developments enable many of them to live in their own homes or in sheltered housing. Consequently, the safety of patients deserves particular attention.

When cared for at home, ventilated patients are supported and cared for by relatives, nurses, doctors, medical aids providers' employees and other individuals.

But which challenges do those involved face – particularly in the supply of medical aids? And how are these challenges managed? With **SAVENT** we hope to find out.



What interests us?

The **SAVENT** research project will focus on the safety of ventilated patients at home. As part of this we will pay particular attention to the supply of medical aids (e.g. ventilation devices, suction equipment, cough remedies).

We are interested in how patients, relatives, medical aids providers' employees and other professional carers experience and evaluate the supply.

We would like to answer the following questions as part of SAVENT:

- ▶ How do invasively ventilated (via a tracheostomy) and non-invasively ventilated (via a respiratory mask) patients and their relatives experience the supply of aids?
- ▶ Which support (e.g. instructions) do they require at the beginning and as care continues? How do professional carers react to this?
- ▶ Which requirements should be considered in the supply of aids from the point of view of patients, their relatives and professional carers?

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Safety dimensions of aids supply in home care of ventilated patients.

How will we proceed?

In order to be able to answer the research questions, we will carry out interviews and observations, among other things. In this way, we wish to depict and understand the perspectives and experiences of those involved in the supply of aids for use at home.

In three phases, we hope to:

- ▶ carry out open questionnaires with ventilated patients and their relatives in the home;
- ▶ environment; accompany, observe and interview medical aids providers' employees as they go about their work;
- ▶ discuss and evaluate what we have learned from the questionnaires and observations with other professional carers as well as with patients and relatives.

Using the results, we will derive recommendations which will be discussed with qualified experts before publication. The recommendations are intended to contribute to enhanced safety in the care of ventilated patients at home.

