#### Est-ce qu'on enseigne la même chose en Europe? Quel enseignement de la sclérothérapie échoguidée? Allemagne

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#### Conflicts of interest

None

#### Sclerotherapy in Germany

- German guidelines on Sclerotherapy
  - Close to the European Guidelines
- Specialities and subspecialities with sclerotherapy in the curriculum (2018)
  - Vascular surgery
  - Angiology
  - Dermatology
  - Phlebology

#### Vascular surgery (72 months)

Knowledge	Personal experience and skills	N
Diagnosis	Clinical and instrumental vascular interventions	
	CW-Doppler-Sonography of peripheral arteries and veins	100
	Duplex-Sonography of peripheral veins	100
Therapy	Venous interventions	60
	<ul><li>Open surgery (e.g.: high ligation + stripping, perforator surgery, phlebectomy)</li></ul>	50
	<ul><li>endovenous,</li><li>sclerotherapy</li></ul>	

#### Angiology (72 months)

Knowledge	Personal experience and skills	N
Diagnosis	B-Mode-Sonography of peripheral arteries and veins	
	CW-Doppler-Sonography of peripheral arteries and veins	100
	Duplex-Sonography of peripheral veins	100
Therapy	Indication and performance of arterial or venous interventions including radiological imaging	
	Sclerotherapy of superficial veins	

## Dermatology (60 months)

Knowledge	Personal experience and skills	Numbers
Diagnosis	Doppler-/Duplex sonography of peripheral vessels	200
	Venous / functional vascular diagnosis	200
Therapy	Conservative, including physical, treatment of vascular diseases	
	Venous interventions of the lower leg (e.g.: phlebectomies, perforator surgery, high ligation + stripping, superficial thrombectomy)	

# Phlebology (subspeciality) (speciallity + qualification)

Knowledge	Personal experience and skills	N
Diagnosis	Doppler-Sonography of the veins	100
	Duplex-Sonographie of the veins	100
Therapy	Sclerotherapy	
Venous interventions of the lower extremities (e.g.: phlebectomies, varicotomy, miniphlebosurgery, high ligation + stripping, perforator surgery, endovenous ablation)		

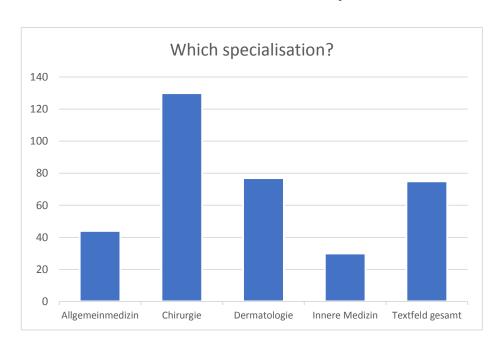
German Society of Phlebology (DGP) curriculum of the

"Educational Phlebology Certificate" valid 3 years

Knowledge	Personal experience and skills	N
Preconditions	<ul> <li>DGP membership</li> <li>Subspeciality "Phlebology</li> <li>or</li> <li>Speciality vascular surgery, angiology, Dermatology</li> <li>or</li> <li>2 years predominantly phlebological professional work</li> <li>treatment of at least 300 venous patients per year</li> <li>60 phlebological credit points in the last 3 years</li> <li>If no phlebology subspeciality or vascular speciality at least two hands-on courses in special venous topics</li> </ul>	
Diagnosis	Doppler-/Duplex sonography of the veins	200
	Venous / functional vascular diagnosis	200
Therapy	Sclerotherapy	100

# Questionnaire to all members of DGP who are performing sclerotherapy

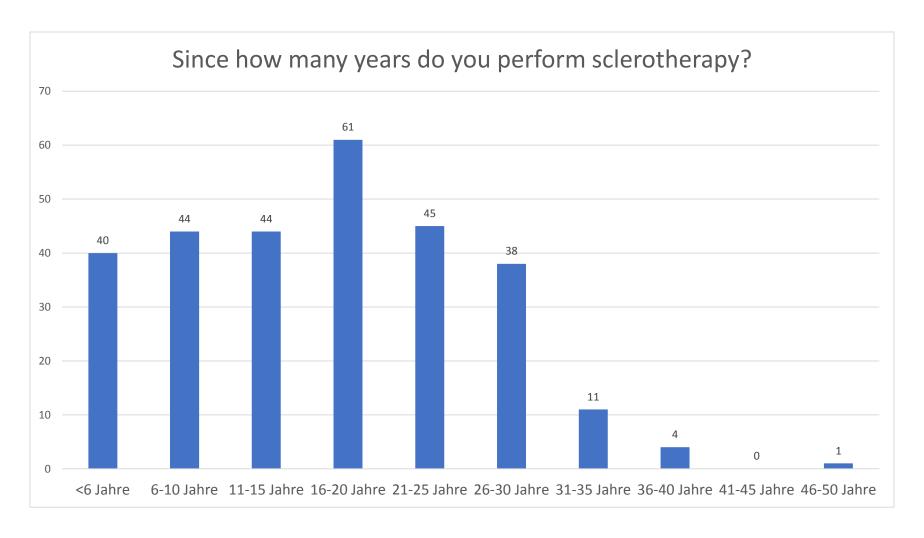
- By e-mail
- 10-12/2017
- Answers: n = 311 (197 men, 99 women, 15 unknown)
  - 191 private practice
  - 12 private hospital
  - 36 employed in practice
  - 57 employed in hospital
  - 216 "phlebologists"



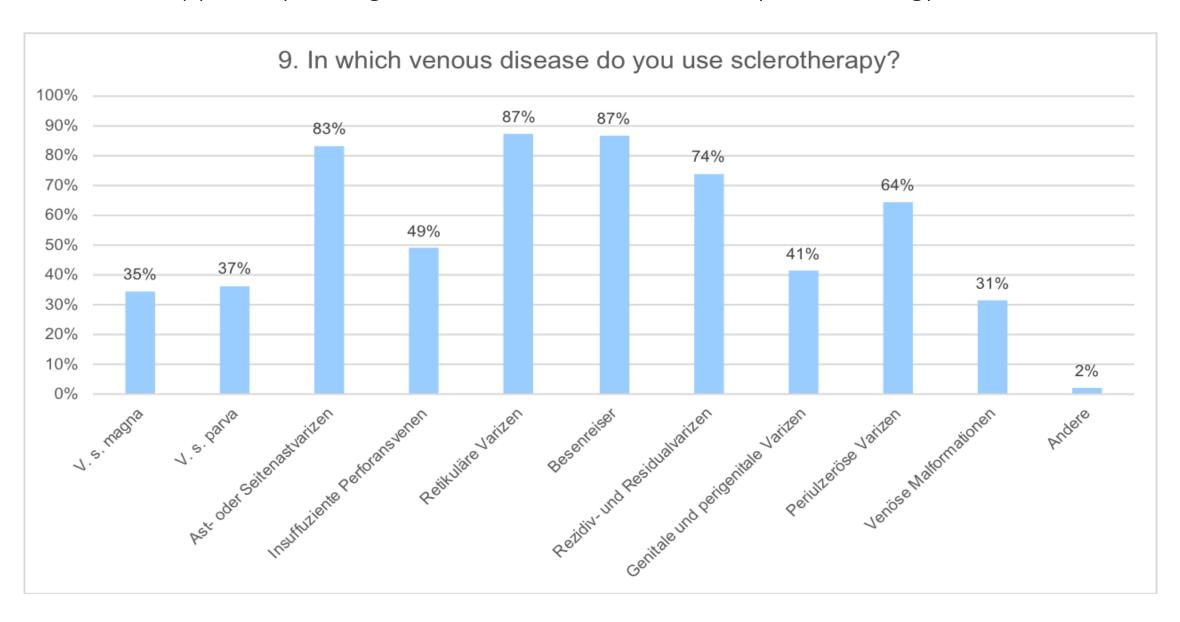
#### Education

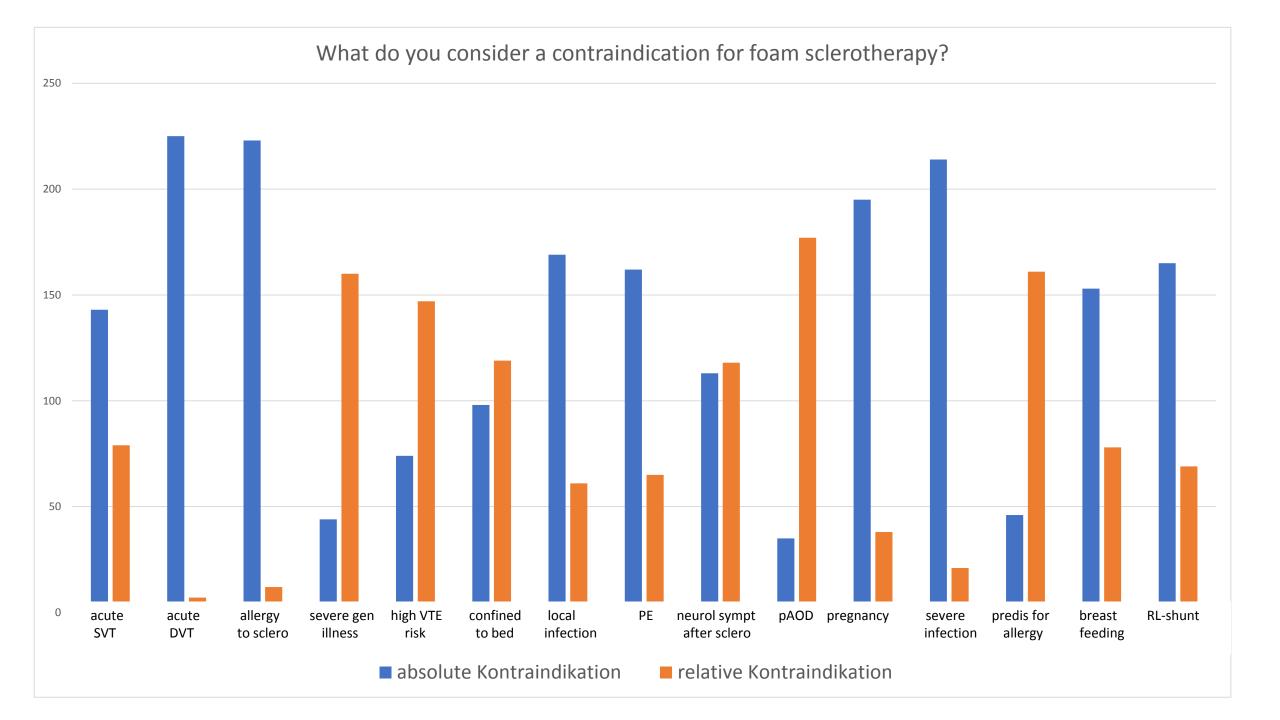
Which education in sclerotherapy?	N	%
Educational courses	180	57,70
During specialisation	175	56,09
By colleagues	148	47,44
By hospitation	144	46,16
Self education	119	38,15
Online	7	2,25
Others	1	0,33

#### Experience

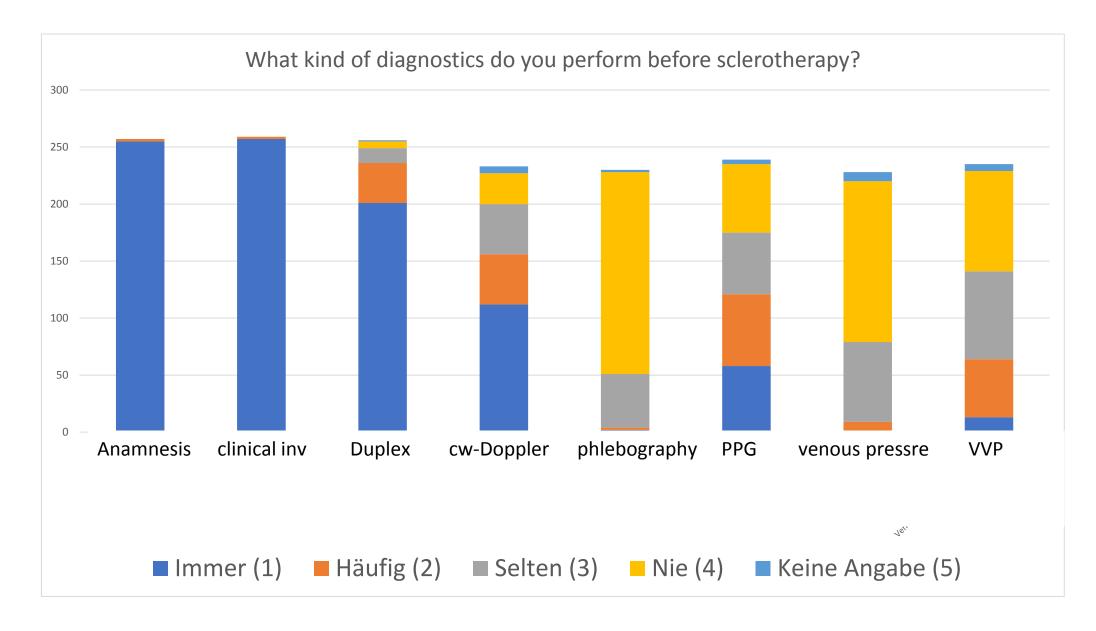


Sclerotherapy survey among members of the German Society of Phlebology - Indications



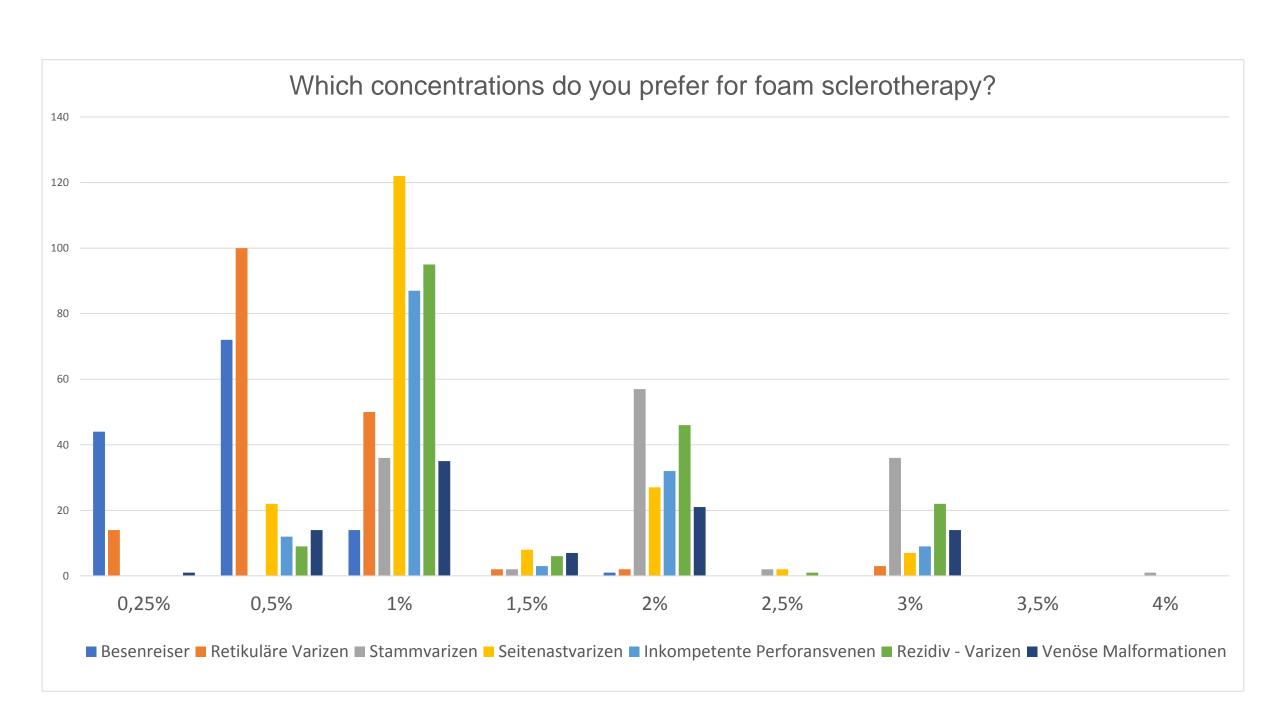


#### Diagnosis

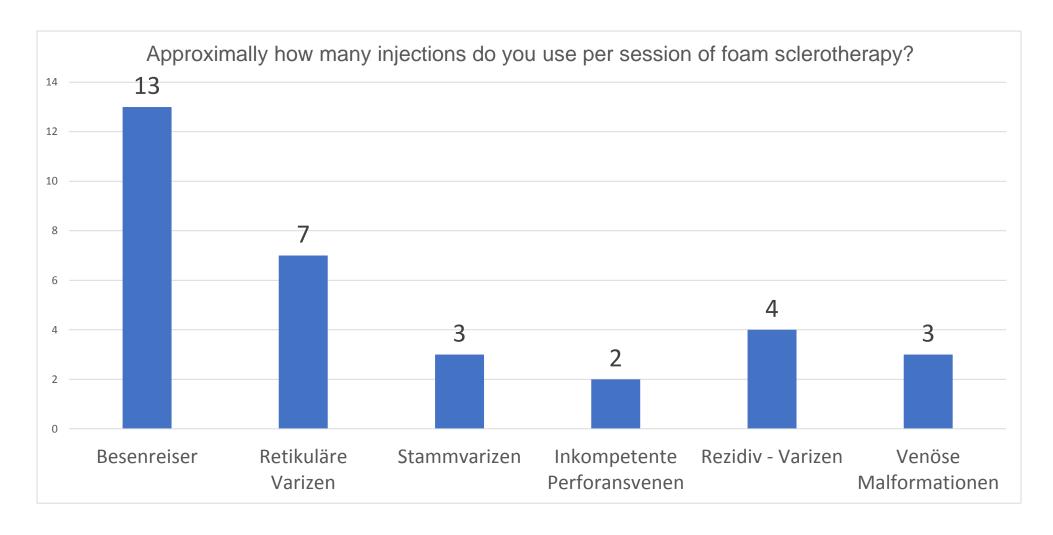


## Foam sclerotherapy

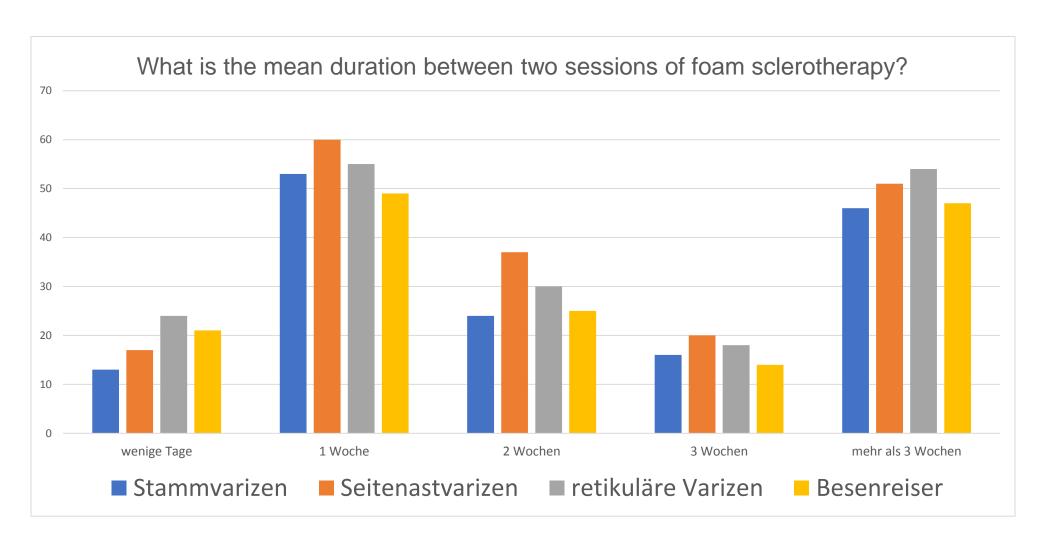
Which liquid/gas proportion do you use for foam production? 1+2 1+3 1+1 6% 11% others 0,5% 1+6 1% 1+5 6% 1+4 69%



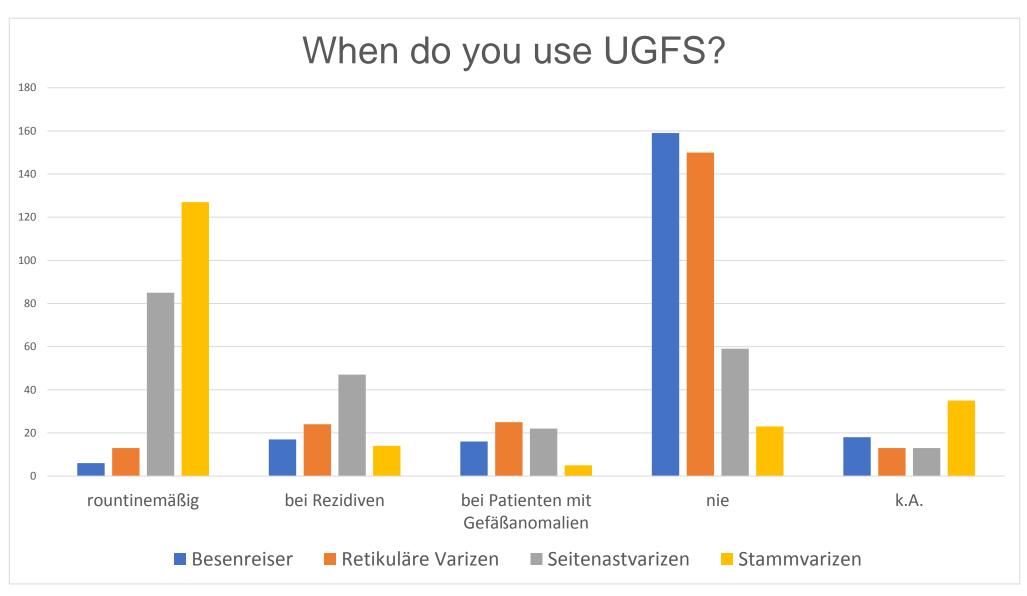
# Number of injections



#### Interval between sessions



#### Ultrasound guided foam sclerotherapy (UGFS)



#### Summary

- Duplex-sonography of peripheral veins and sclerotherapy are part of the official curricula of vascular surgery, angiology, dermatology and phlebology (last update 2018).
- They are also part of the German Society of Phlebology (DGP) curriculum of the "Educational Phlebology Certificate"
- Foam-sclerotherapy or ultrasound guided foam sclerotherapy (UGFS) are not specifically mentioned.
- The German guidelines of sclerotherapy are the official guidance for the method (last update 2019).

#### Current reality

- Sclerotherapy in Germany is performed predominantly according to the European / German guidelines
- Before sclerotherapy duplex ultrasound is performed by the majority
- Foam sclerotherapy is used mainly in side branches, recurrent VV and saphenous VV
- Room air without microfilter and 1+4 liquid/gas relation are widely used
- Only polidocanol is registered
- Sclerotherapy training is performed in educational hands-on courses, during specialisation and by colleagues / hospitation in almost equal parts

Thank you very much for listening