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Press release (Danish)

Betydningen af at gennemføre hospitalsakkreditering for patienterne

Akkreditering defineres som en uafhængig ekstern peer-evalueringsproces, der afspejler i hvilket omfang hospitaler opfylder bestemte standarder. Modellen udgør en ramme for systematisk arbejde med løbende kvalitetsforbedring og har til formål at sikre bedre sundhedsydelse. Akkreditering i sundhedssektoren har været udbredt i mange årtier, men på trods heraf har det ikke været muligt at drage en klar konklusion om dens virkning. Færøerne gav en enestående mulighed for at evaluere akkrediteringens virkning i 2017, da hospitalerne skulle akkrediteres for første gang. Konteksten for hospitalerne var unik, da de aldrig tidligere havde deltaget i nationale systematiske kvalitetsaktiviteter før. Desuden blev der i perioden fra før akkrediteringen til efter akkrediteringen ikke gennemført andre kvalitetsaktiviteter end selve akkrediteringen.

I afhandlingen præsenteres tre undersøgelser, der undersøger forholdet mellem akkreditering og levering af anbefalet patient behandling (undersøgelse 1), patientoplevelser (undersøgelse 2) og dødelighed (undersøgelse 3), indlæggelseslængde (undersøgelse 3) og akut genindlæggelse (undersøgelse 3). Alle undersøgelser var udformet som en før- og eftermåling på de offentlige hospitaler på Færøerne. Resultaterne er sammenfattet i et nyt PhD projekt fra Aarhus Universitet. Projektet er gennemført af Maria Daniella Bergholt.

Forsvaret af ph.d.-projektet er offentligt og finder sted den 10. December 2021 kl. 13.00 på Gentofte Hospital, Auditoriebygningen, Opgang 10A, 2900 Hellerup.

Titlen på projektet er "Impact of first-time hospital accreditation on recommended care, patient experiences and clinical outcomes".

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Press release (English)

The importance of implementing hospital accreditation for patients

Accreditation is defined as an independent external peer evaluation process to assess the extent to which hospitals meet defined standards. The model provides a framework for working systematically towards continuous quality improvement and aims to provide better healthcare services.

Accreditation in health care has been widely used for many decades, but despite this it has not been possible to draw a clear conclusion about its impact.

The Faroe Islands presented a unique opportunity to evaluate the impact of accreditation in 2017 as hospitals were to be accredited for the first time. The context of the hospitals was unique as they had never previously participated in national systematically quality activities before. Moreover, in the period from before accreditation to after accreditation, no quality activities other than accreditation itself were undertaken.

The dissertation present three studies examining the relationship between accreditation and the delivery of recommended care (study 1), patient experiences (study 2) and mortality (study 3), length of stay (study 3) and acute readmission (study 3). All studies were designed as a before and after study in the public hospitals of the Faroe Islands. The results are summarized in a new PhD project from Aarhus University. The project was carried out by Maria Daniella Bergholt.

The defence is public and takes place on December 10, 2021 at Gentofte Hospital, Auditorium Building, Entrance 10A, 2900 Hellerup.

The title of the project is "Impact of first-time hospital accreditation on recommended care, patient experiences and clinical outcomes".

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