

# An empirically derived taxonomy of telemedicine – development of a standardized codebook

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# Hintergrund I: Nutzen von Taxonomien



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- Taxonomien erlauben die Klassifizierung von Objekten anhand verschiedener Wesensmerkmale und übergeordneter Dimensionen (Nickerson et al. 2013)
  - Dimensionen und ihre Merkmale ergeben somit eine Klasse von Objekten
  - Entspricht einer Genotyp – Phänotyp-Korrelation in der Biologie (Ries & Gal 2006)
- Taxonomien eignen sich für die Strukturierung von Forschungsgebieten (Usman et al. 2017, Gregor 2006)
- Strukturierung eines Forschungsfeld schafft begriffliche Klarheit (Otto et al. 2018) und hilft, Prädiktoren (unabhängige Variablen) und Outcomes (abhängige Variablen) für die Evaluation zu ermitteln (Harst et al. 2019)
- Zwei mögliche Ansätze, eine Taxonomie zu entwickeln (Nickerson et al. 2013)
  - Deduktiv: Ableitung relevanter Dimensionen und Merkmale aus Forschungsstand
  - Induktiv: Empirische Klassifikation existierender Objekte anhand ihrer Merkmale
- Keine detaillierte Beschreibung der induktiven Methode bei Nickerson et al.

# Hintergrund II: Existierende Taxonomien für Telemedizin



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Authors	Year	Methodology used					Dimensions							
		Content Analysis	Delphi Consensus Approach	Ilities Application Method	Literature Review	Systematic Review	Umbrella Review	Application type	Clinical field	Intended outcome	Mode of data provision	Personnel involved	Setting	Technology used
Bashshur et al.	2011				x				x					x
Baumel, Birnbaum, and Sucala	2017					x			x					
Costa et al.	2009				x				x	x				x
Edmunds et al.	2017		x					x						x
Dierks	1999				x		x							
Elsay et al.	2001					x					x	x		x
Fitch	2004			x			x	x	x	x				x
Fong, Fong, and Li	2011				x		x							x
Hung, Zhang, and Tai	2004				x		x							x
Pearce et al.	2016		x				x							
Poenaru and Poenaru	2013				x		x							
Tulu, Chatterjee, and Laxminarayan	2005	x			x		x	x					x	x
Vincent et al.	2007				x					x			x	
Valentijn et al.	2015	x					x		x					
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>

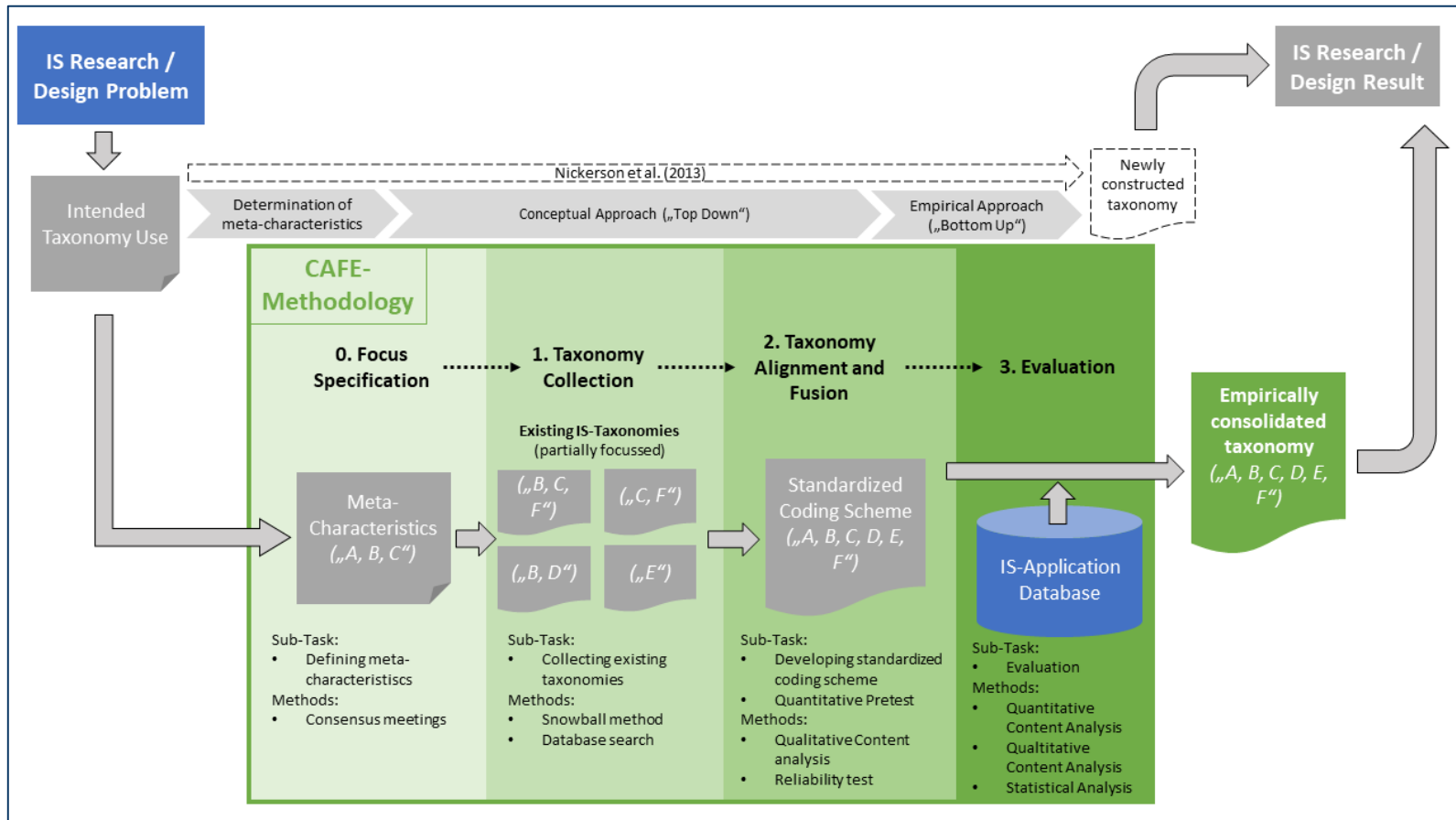
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- Keine bestehende Taxonomie ist erschöpfend
- Keine beruht auf quantitativ-empirischen Verfahren
- Nur eine berücksichtigt Krankheitsbilder
- Keine berücksichtigt individuelle Patientencharakteristika
- Eine Meta-Taxonomie wäre prima

*Wie kann eine Taxonomie für Telemedizin-Anwendungen entwickelt werden, die*

- *empirisch fundiert ist*
- *bestehende Taxonomien berücksichtigt*
- *präskriptiv nutzbar ist?*

# Methode I: Überblick



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# Methode II: Quantitative Inhaltsanalyse



- Verfahren aus der Sozialwissenschaft
- Validiert Strukturannahmen (qualitativ) und Muster im Datenmaterial (Krippendorff 2013) und reduziert so Informationen zu empirischen Daten (Kille et al. 2017)
- Beruht auf einem Codebuch
  - Weist Merkmalen eine Zahl zu
  - Anhand definierter Kriterien
  - Kann mithilfe von *qualitativer Inhaltsanalyse* entwickelt werden
  - Oder aus Forschungsstand abgeleitet werden
  - Beruht auf übergeordnetem Forschungsziel
- **Hier:**
  - **Forschungsziel:** Identifikation von Prädiktoren und Outcomes von Telemedizin-Anwendungen
  - **Codebuchentwicklung:** Kombination bestehende Taxonomien durch qualitative Inhaltsanalyse



# Methode II: Quantitative Inhaltsanalyse



- Anwendung des fertigen Codebuch in der GEMATIK Datenbank (heute: vesta Informationsportal)
  - Listet eHealth-Projekte
  - Selektion der Telemedizin-Projekte anhand der Definition vom Sood et al. von 2007
  - Etwas veraltet (letztes Projekt von 2007)
- Immer zwei Coder je Projekt
- Pretest mit 10 Projekten, um Interraterreliabilität zu ermitteln (Krippendorff's Alpha muss über 0,67 liegen)
- **Statistische Analyse:**
  - Genotyp-Phänotyp-Korrelationen (bivariate Statistik beruhend auf Kreuztabellen)
  - Faktorenanalyse für die Identifikation diskriminanter Telemedizin-Typen

# Ergebnisse I: Codebuch



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## Finales Codebuch (Auszug)

Dimensions (latent variables)	Characteristics (manifest variables)	Definition
Application type for which the technology was designed	Tele-consultation	A process during which a single patient or a number of patients receive care or advice from a health care professional from a distance  (Fitch 2004)
	Tele-diagnosis	A process where a disease is determined while patient and health care professional are not in the same room  (Dierks 1999)
	Tele-ambulance or -emergency (Fong, Fong, and Li 2011; Cho, Kwon, and Jeong 2015)	A process where emergency measures are taken from a distance, or ambulance personnel is guided from a distance  (Fong et al. 2011)
	Tele-monitoring	The collection of vital data via ICT, where therapeutic decisions are made based on the provided data  (Bashshur et al. 2014; Fitch 2004; Schulz, Stahmann, and Neumann 2015)
	Tele-rehabilitation	The use of ICT for measures helping patients with impairment to cope with the disease and restoring them to a state as close to normal as possible  (Rogante et al. 2010; Last 2007)
	Digital self-management	Digital measures to support informed shared decision making and self-care behaviors, making use of a learning experience for the patient concerning health literacy and behavior, guided by a health care professional  (Bartlett and Windsor 1985; Elasy et al. 2001; Fitzner and Moss 2013; Sheridan et al. 2017)

# Ergebnisse II: Kodierung



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## Finales Codesheet (Auszug)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
	<b>Aim of application</b>										
		<b>Aim of Health Education</b>									
								Adherence (treatment/medication)	Psycho-social components of disease		
	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Health Education</b>	<b>Diet</b>	<b>Exercise</b>	<b>Self-monitoring</b>	<b>Health Literacy</b>	<b>Health Behaviour</b>			<b>Tele-Consulting</b>	<b>Tele-Diagnosis</b>
1	AOK Curaplan Herz Plus <a href="#">Arztentlastende, Gemeindeförderung, E-Health-gestützte, Systemische Intervention - AGnES</a>	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		1
2	Augmented Hearing Experience and Assistance for Daily life <a href="#">- AHEAD</a>	99 (war nicht standard)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
3	Automatisierte internetbasiertes Coachingprogramm für übergewichtige und adipöse Jugendliche - SynX Blutdruckmanagement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Internetbasiertes Coachingprogramm für übergewichtige und adipöse Jugendliche - SynX Blutdruckmanagement	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
5	Bundesweites Netzwerk für die Telekooperation in der Medizin - TKmed	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Caterna Sehschulung	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
7	CCS Telehealth Ostsachsen - Telehealth Ostsachsen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Telecoaching	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Telestroke	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
	Telepathologie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	COPD Rehabilitation										

# Ergebnisse III: statistische Analyse



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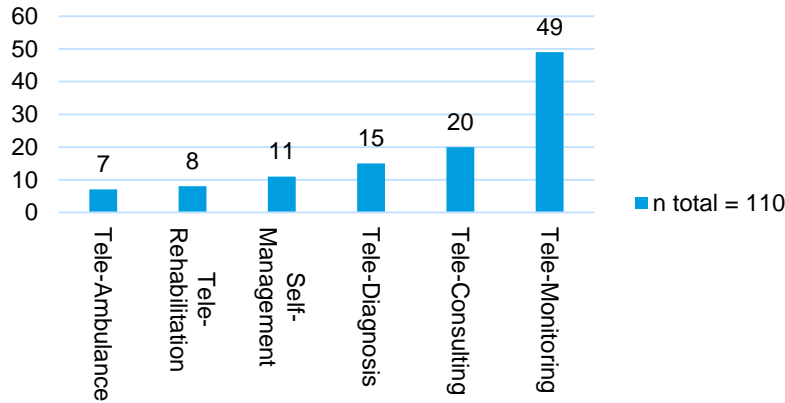


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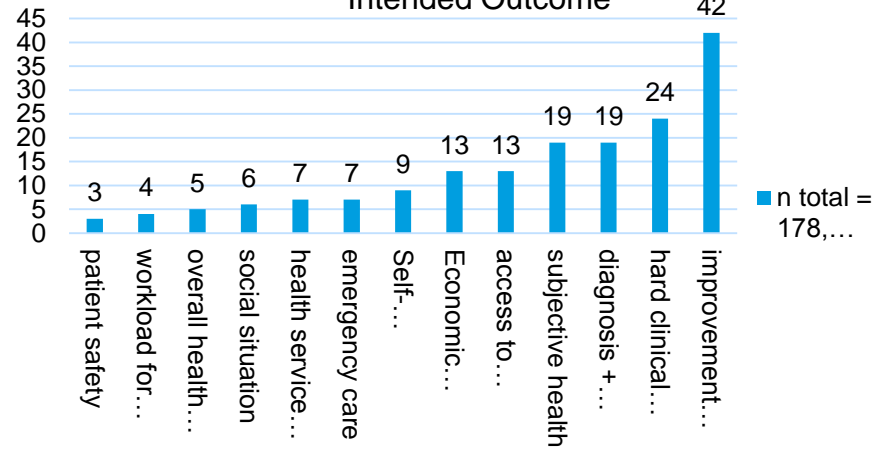


## Deskriptive Statistiken

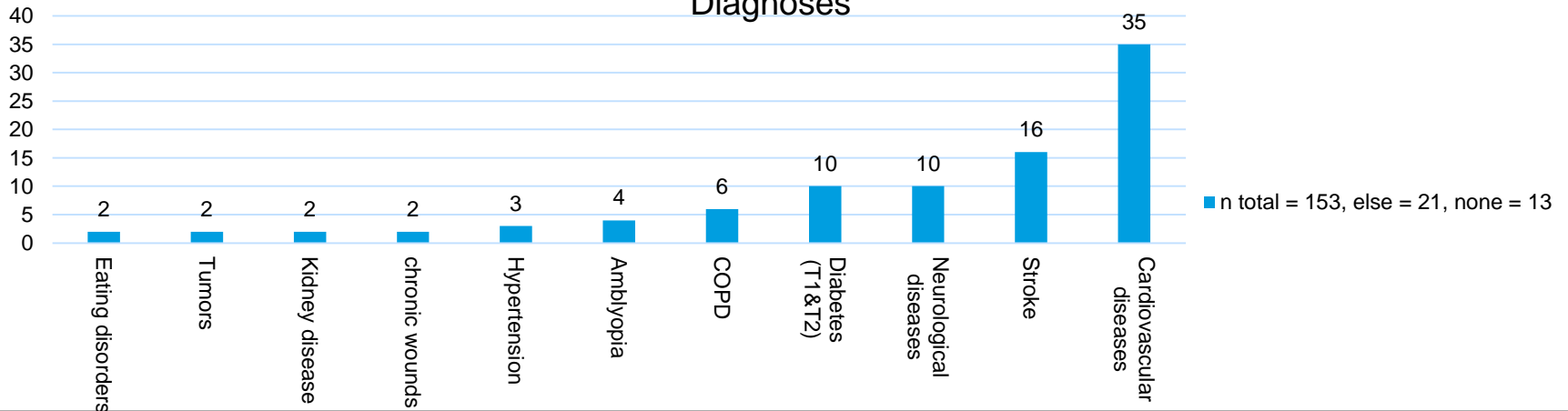
### Application Types



### Intended Outcome



### Diagnoses



# Ergebnisse III: statistische Analyse



## Kreuztabelle (Auszug):

Dependent variable	Independent variables = Genotype					
Application Type = Phenotype	Target Disease	Intended Outcome	Medical Specialist Involved	Technology Used	Data Provision	Setting
Tele-consultation n = 20	Stroke (20 %, n = 4)	Optimizing care processes (40 %, n = 8)	Neurologist (30 %, n = 6)	Web (70 %, n = 14)	Image & Video (Real-time) (25 %, n = 5)	Hospital (40 %, n = 8)
	Other neurological diseases (15 %, n = 3)	Increased access to health care (25 %, n = 5)			Text & Image (Store & forward) (10 %, n = 2)	Home (20 %, n = 4)
	Chronic wounds (10 %, n = 2)				Video (Real-time) (10 %, n = 2)	Home & Portable (10 %, n = 2) Hospital & Portable (10 %, n = 2)
Tele-diagnosis n = 15	Stroke (40 %, n = 6)	Optimizing care processes (20 %, n = 3)	Neurologist (40 %, n = 6)	Web (53.3 %, n = 8)	Text (Store & forward) (20 %, n = 3)	Hospital (73.3 %, n = 11)
		Improvement of diagnosis and early detection (33.3 %, n = 5)			Text & Image (Real-time) (13.3 %, n = 2)	
		Increased access to health care (33.3 %, n = 5)				
Tele-monitoring n = 49	Cardiovascular diseases (55.1 %, n = 27)	Optimizing care processes (32.7 %, n = 16)	General practitioner (24.5 %, n = 12)	Telephone (18.4 %, n = 9)	Text (Store & forward) (63.3 %, n = 31)	Home & Portable (75.5 %, n = 37)
	Diabetes (type I and II) (10.2 %, n = 5)	Improvement of hard clinical outcomes (20.4 %, n = 10)	Cardiologist (24.5 %, n = 12)	Web (14.3 %, n = 7)	Text (Real-time & Store & forward) (10.2 %, n = 5)	Home (8.2 %, n = 4)
		Improvement of subjective health (16.3 %, n = 8)	Internist (14.3 %, n = 7)	Web & Telephone (12.2 %, n = 6)	Text (Real-time) (6.1 %, n = 3)	Home & Hospital & Portable (4.1 %, n = 2)
		Improvement of diagnosis and early detection (6.1 %, n = 3)	Diabetologist (8.2 %, n = 4)	Smartphone / App & Telephone (12.2 %, n = 6) Web & Smartphone / App (12.2 %, n = 6)		Home & Reha-facility & Portable (4.1 %, n = 2) Home & Hospital (4.1 %, n = 2)

# Ergebnisse IV: Korrelationen



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- Ergebnisse basieren auf Fisher's Exact Test (berechnet mir R), da die Voraussetzungen für einen Chi<sup>2</sup>-Test verletzt teilweise verletzt sind (n nicht in allen Zellen  $\geq 5$ )

Independent variables	Dependent variable	Significance
Target Disease (H1 a - c)	Application type (teleconsulting, tele-diagnosis, tele-monitoring)	0.0005
Intended Outcome (H2 a - c)		0.0005
Medical Specialist Involved (H3 a - c)		0.0005
Technology Used (H4 a -c)		0.008
Mode of Data Provision (H5 a - c)		0.0005
Setting (H6 a - c)		0.0005

→ Signifikanz ist Beleg für Genotyp-Phänotyp-Korrelationen

→ ABER: Keine Effektstärken bei Fisher's Exact Test

# Ergebnisse V: Faktorenanalyse



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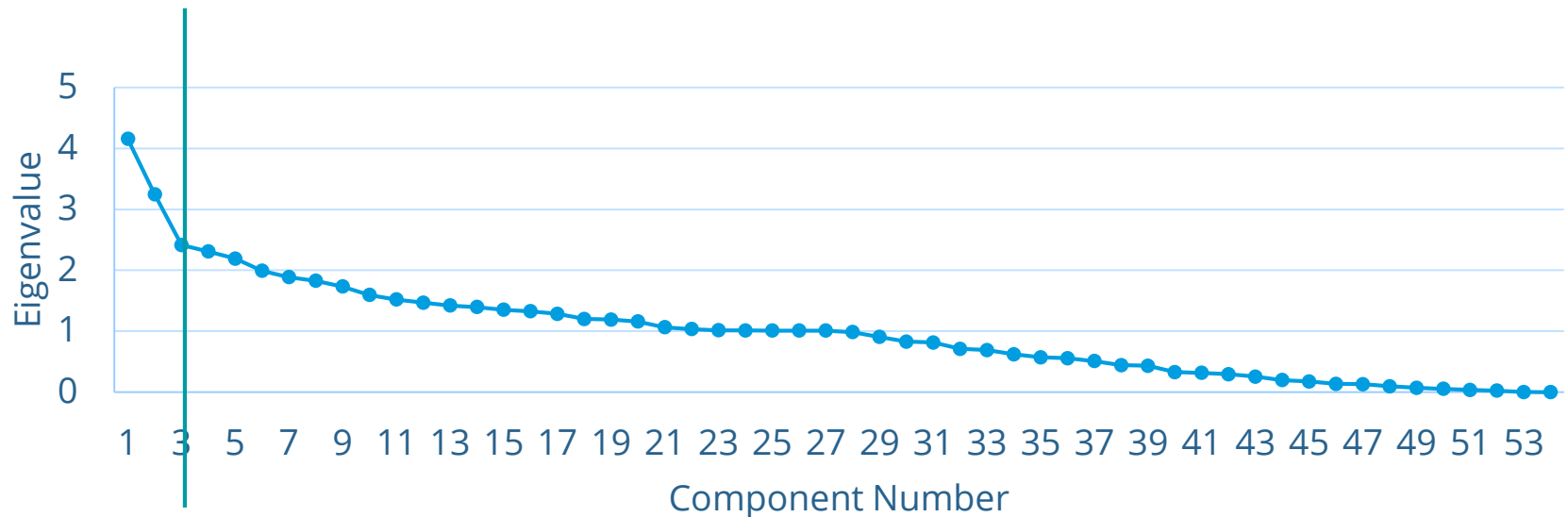


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- Screeplot belegt 3-Faktoren-Lösung



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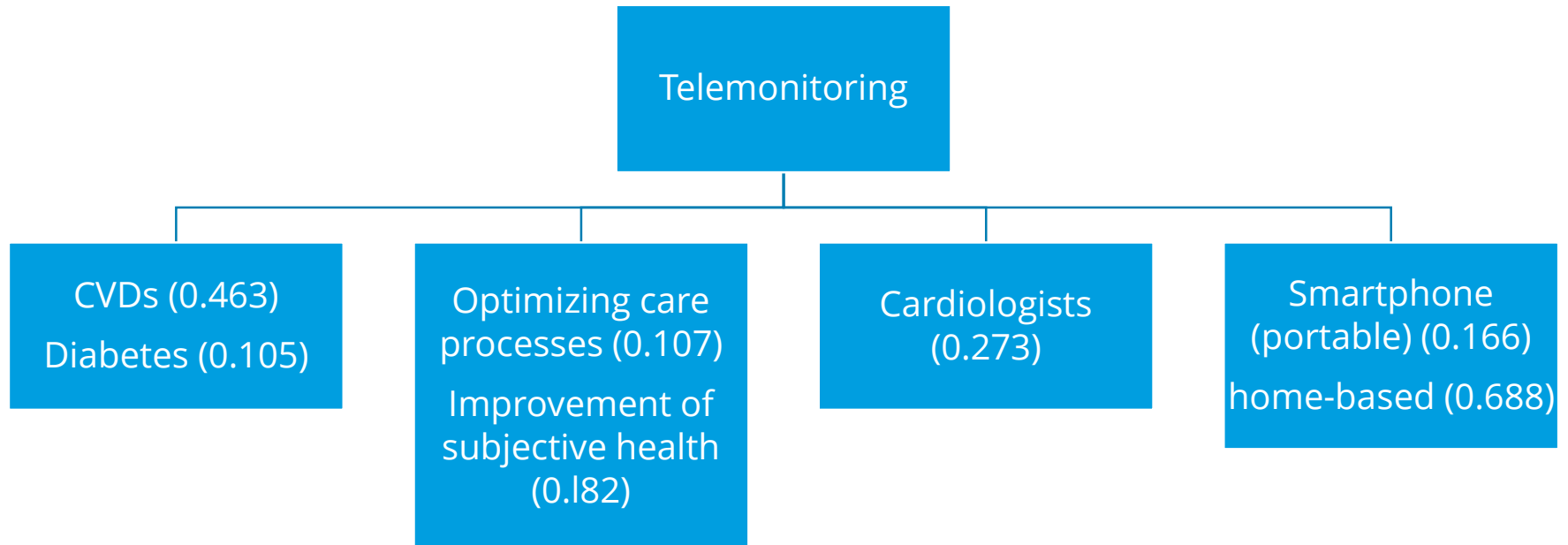


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- Faktorladungen zeigen zwei diskriminante Faktoren 😊
- Und einen ambivalenten 😞



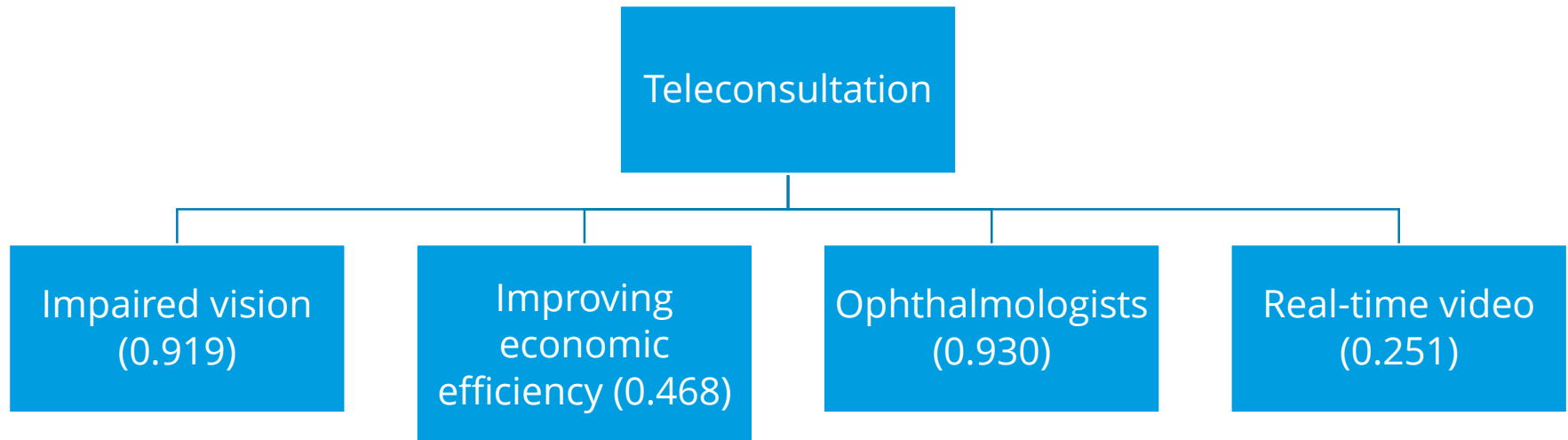
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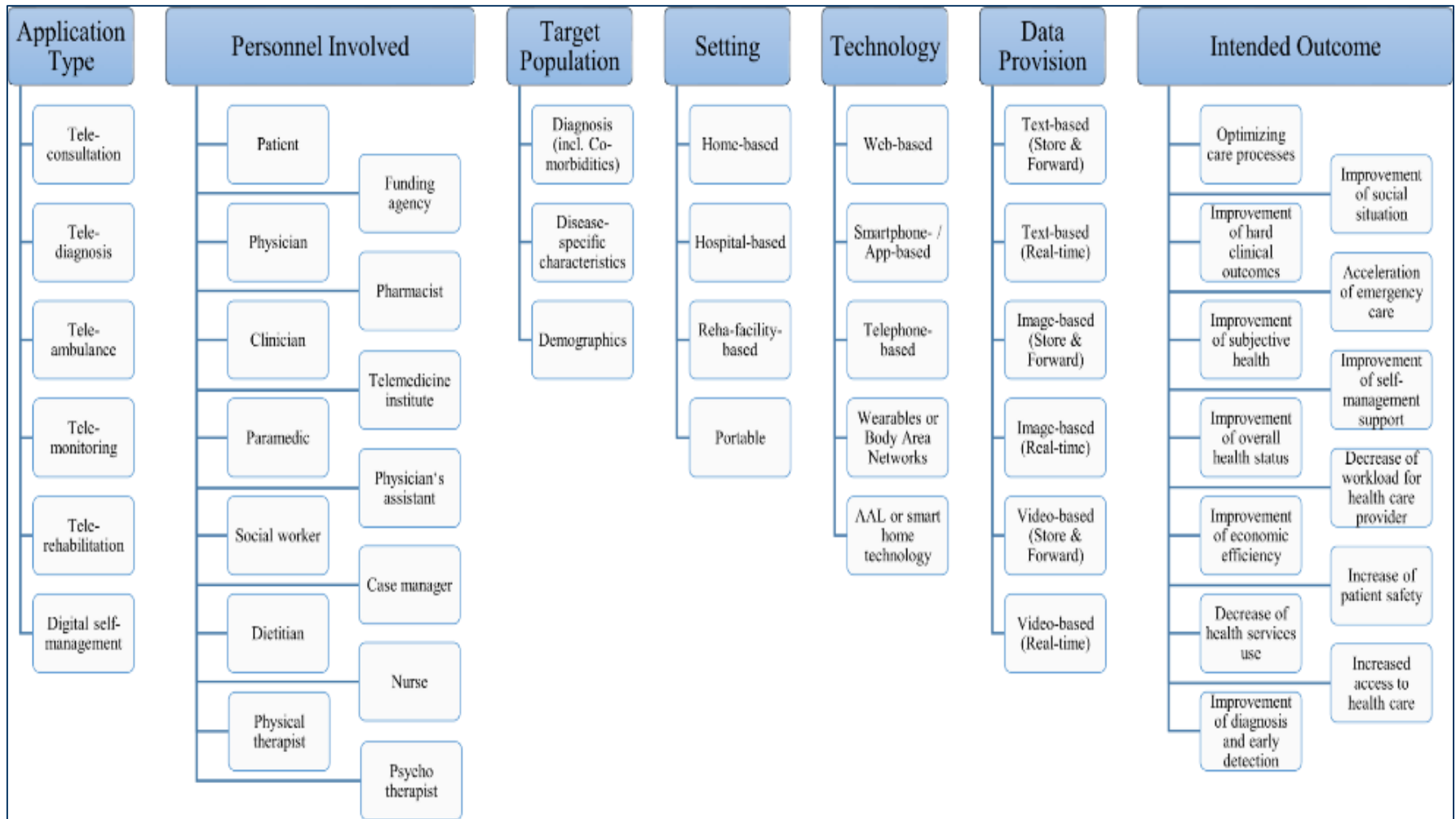


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# Ergebnisse VI: Finale Taxonomie



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# Diskussion und Fazit



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- Methode liefert zwei klar trenn- und benennbare Faktoren
    - Beim dritten ist die Datenlage unzureichend
  - Anhand der Taxonomie können individualisierte Anwendungen entwickelt und evaluiert werden, denn sie enthält
    - Relevante Zielgruppen (Fu et al. 2017)
    - Geeignete Diagnosen (Rush et al. 2017)
    - Beteiligtes Personal (Lee et al. 2017)
    - Basale Technologien (Shen et al. 2018)
    - Relevante Outcomes (Powers et al. 2018, Whelton et al. 2018)
- Präskriptiver Nutzen
- Anwendbarkeit quantitativer Inhaltsanalysen in der Versorgungsforschung

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