



Characteristics of non-responding practices

In total, 132 practices were called up to three times, of them 6 did not answer the phone.

107/126 were active general practices, 7 were not, and 12 practices did not provide information about it at the phone.

55/107 (51%) of the general practices had internet access, 50/107 had not, 2 did not provide details.

	Participating practices (total)	Non-responding practices
Practices	N=72	N=132
Location: no. (%)	N=72	N=132
City (>100,000 inhabitants)	22 (31%)	46 (35%)
Middle size town (20,000 to 100,000)	16 (22%)	37 (28%)
Small town (5,000 to 20,000)	25 (35%)	47 (36%)
Rural area (<5,000 inhabitants)	9 (13%)	2 (2%)
Practice type: no. (%)	N=72	N=126
Single handed practices	41 (57%)	75 (60%)
Group practice	27 (38%)	27 (21%)
Practice community	4 (6%)	6 (5%)
Not announced	-	18 (14%)

Reasons for non-responding

- No time / too much effort
- No interest in study participation in general
- Did not receive postal mail or did not remember
- Participation in another study
- Organizational reasons (restructuring of the practice)
- Non-GP practice
- Other reasons
- No reasons announced

