





Rehabilitation in Swedish municipalities during covid-19. Report from a survey study

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Background and aim

- Elderly people at risk for severe illness, disability and death due to covid-19
- Need for rehabilitation during/after covid-19
- To gain an overview of the preparedness in the municipalities` from a rehabilitative perspective



Method

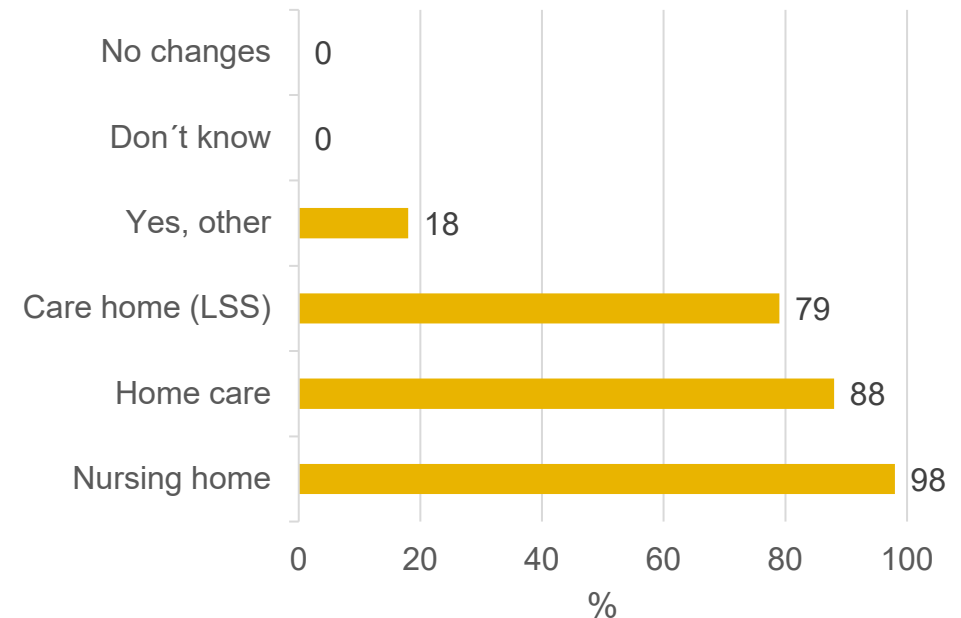
- Online survey
- Medically Responsible for Rehabilitation (MAR)
 - (MAR has a specific and regulated responsibility for patientsafety i rehabilitative activities. About 85 out of 290 municipalities in Sweden has a MAR)
- Survey was open during May to June 2020



Results

- Respons-rate 72%
- Most common changes:
 - Hygiene routines
 - Actions to prevent spread of infection
 - New routines för aid prescriptions
 - Reduced number of social contacts
 - Social distancing
 - Priority of patients
 - New routines for home-visits
 - Staff training postponed

Have changes been done due to covid-19?



Results



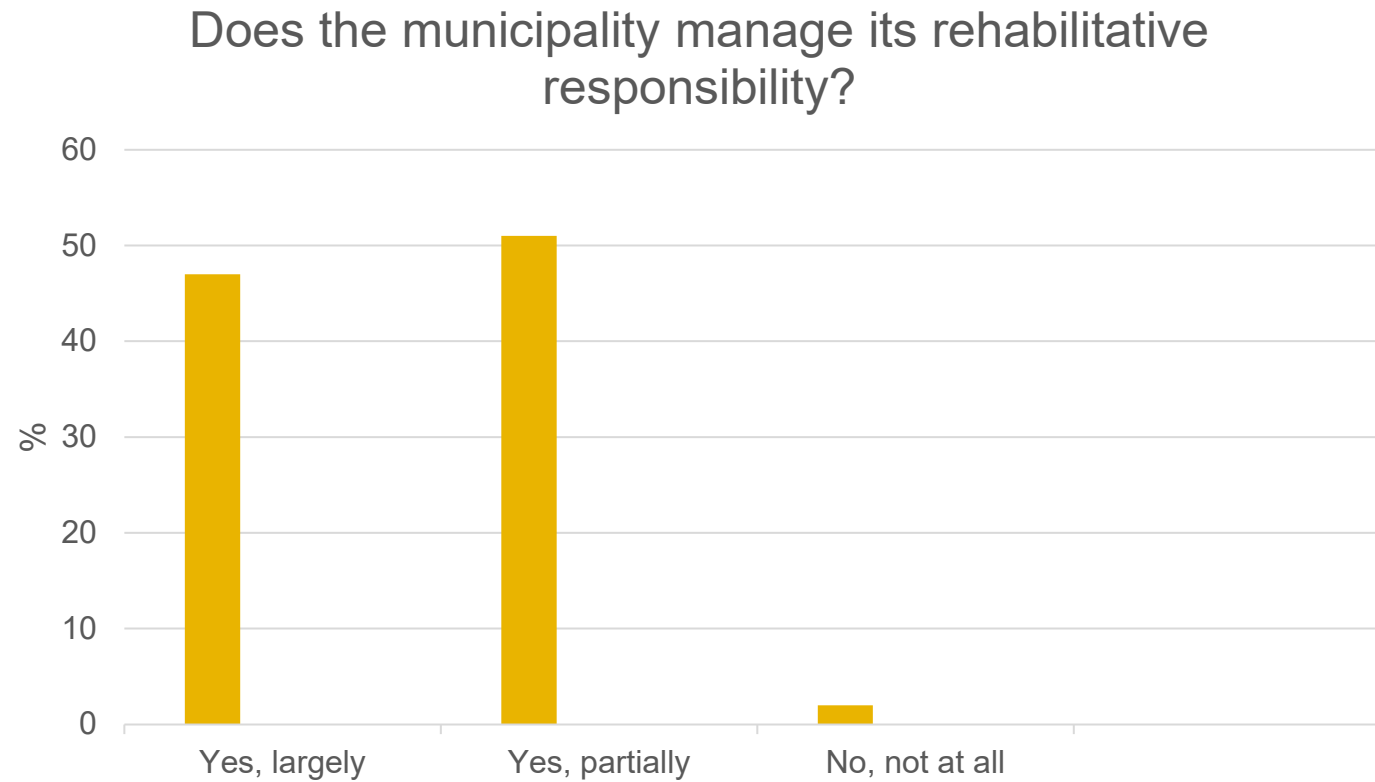
- Examples of positive impact on patient safety
 - Reduced spread of infection
 - Increased knowledge of and compliance to basic hygiene routines
 - Better communication

Results

- Examples of negative impact on patient safety
 - Impaired health and functioning
 - Increased risk for falls
 - Increased risk for thrombus
 - Increased risk for bedsore



Results







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