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Latest user survey reg. vacuum erection device at erectile dysfunction / impotence

Between January and August 2017, the people using the vacuum erection devices Active Erection System® and Manual Erection System® in Europe were directly questioned for the first time. We were interested in the degree of satisfaction with the product and in the frequency of use, but also in the age- and health-related prior history of the respondents. The survey was undertaken by company KESSEL MEDintim GmbH.

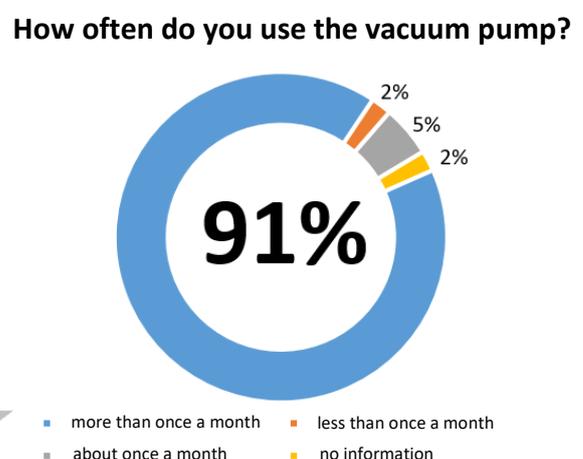
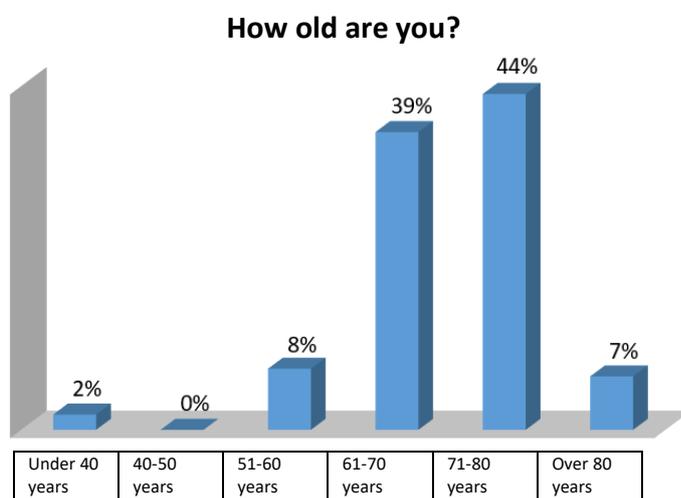
Erection devices are tried-and-true medical devices, for which the patients suffering from erectile dysfunction have been reimbursed for many years by statutory health insurance, e.g. in the case of diabetes, intake of anti-hypertensive medication and after prostate surgery.

Overall, the survey reached 1500 men, and due to the very personal nature of the topic, it was partly also anonymous. The initial assessment is based on the answers of the first 100 respondents.

The **assessment** of the survey revealed surprising results:

Age, partnership and frequency of use

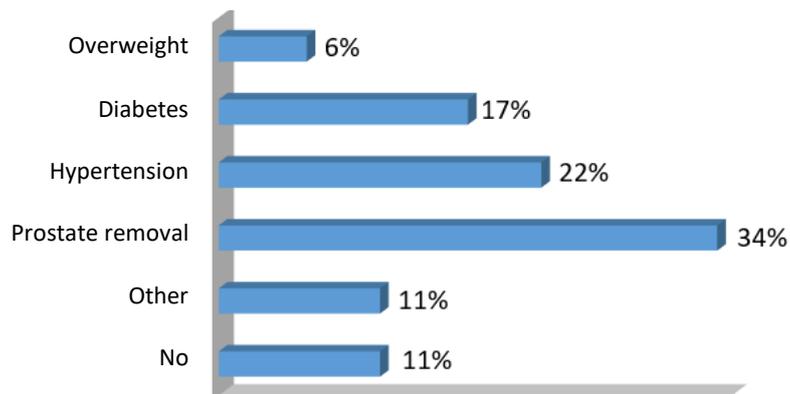
The users of vacuum erection devices Active Erection System® and Manual Erection System® are mostly between 60 and 80 years old (83%), of which 39% are between the ages of 60 – 69 and 44% between 70 – 80 years old. Almost all of the respondents are involved in an ongoing sexual relationship (95%) and are using the erection device more than once a month (91%). Being sexually active with the partner (male or female) is therefore also an important need of men over 60 as well as for men over 80 years of age.



Prior illnesses and other forms of therapy

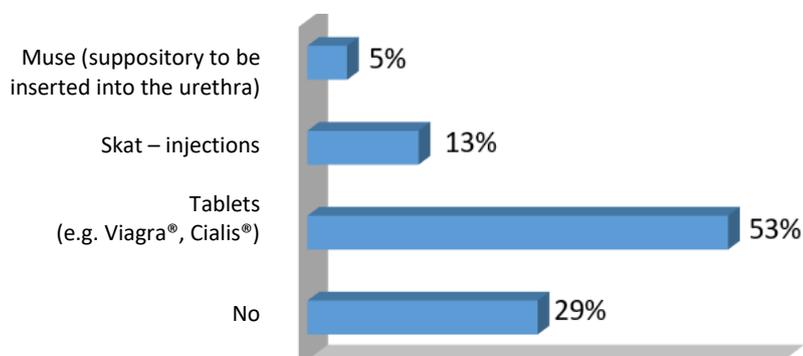
The users were also questioned about their health-related prior history. About one third stated that they had already undergone a prostate removal (34%), followed by hypertension (22%) and diabetes (17%). These are the three prior illnesses named most often.

Are you suffering from an illness?



The answers to the question regarding other therapy forms used are rather surprising: Prior to having used the vacuum erection device, more than half of the users (53%) had already taken tablets, such as Viagra® or Cialis®, to treat their erectile dysfunction. Almost one third (29%) stated that they had not tried any other therapy forms treating impotence.

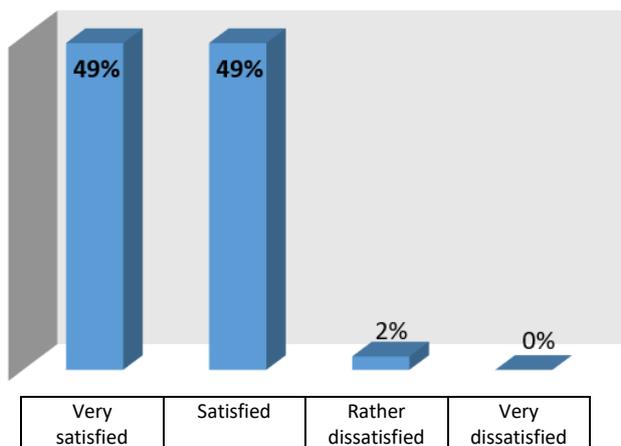
Did you use other types of therapies before?



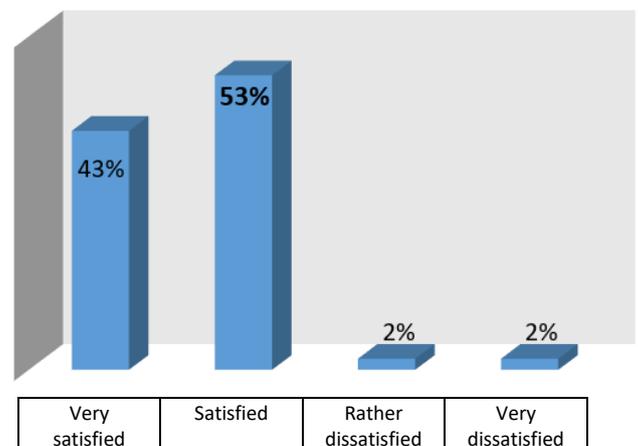
Satisfaction and recommendation

Users are very satisfied with the use of vacuum erection devices, which is very positive. Almost all respondents are satisfied to very satisfied with the operation of the product (98%) as well as with the result after use (96%). 96% of men having answered would therefore recommend the vacuum erection device.

How satisfied are you with **the operation** of the vacuum pump?



How satisfied are you with **the result** of the vacuum pump?



Conclusion

Vacuum erection devices are inexpensive, reliable and satisfactory devices for erectile dysfunction. A fulfilling and satisfactory sexuality is also possible beyond 60 years and also possible up to an advanced age of over 80 years.

The user survey will be continued and documented with further returns, evaluated and published by the end of 2017.

If there are any questions about the survey and if there are any other questions about vacuum erection devices, feel free to contact us at:

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