1. "It takes a lot of time to explain the aim of the study to patients and receive informed consent from the patient."

2. "Recruiting patients is a lot of work for the recruiting doctor."

3. "The recruitment records that have to be completed are too extensive."

4. "Often, I cannot recruit patients because they do not want to participate in the late rehabilitation group."

5. "Often, I cannot recruit patients because they feel that participating in the trial is too complex."

6. "A barrier for successful recruitment is that the general practitioners are not willing to participate in the trial."

7. "I often cannot recruit patients, because they generally do not want to do sports."

8. "In my opinion, the eligibility criteria are too strict."

9. "Often, I cannot recruit patients because they do not want to participate in the early rehabilitation group."

10. "Competing other trials impede the recruitment of more patients."

11. "It is difficult for me to recruit a patient because I cannot delegate the work to someone else when I do not have time to do it myself."

12. "A reason why recruiting patients is not going well is the absence of supporting local trial personnel."

13. "In our hospital/private practice eligible patients are often missed."

14. "For me it is difficult to recruit a patient because I do not receive support from the team and from seniors."

15. "I think recruitment would be easier if there was more support and supervision from the trial coordinators."

16. "It is difficult for me to recruit a patient because responsibilities for the different tasks are not clearly defined in our setting."

17. "I think recruitment would be easier if a newsletter was sent out more frequently."

18. "In my opinion, the trial arm „late rehabilitation“ does not correspond to actual best practice."

19. "The trial is very complex, it takes a lot of time to understand the trial question and the procedures."

20. "I find the trial design and the trial protocol unclear and difficult to implement."

21. "I think the trial question is only of interest for the rehabilitation clinics and ambulatory rehabilitation programs."

22. "I think the trial question is not of any relevance for my work."

23. "In my opinion there is no clinical rationale for this trial question."

24. "In my opinion, the trial arm „early rehabilitation“ does not correspond to actual best practice."

25. "In my opinion, the study briefing and instruction of the recruiting doctors by the trial coordinators was not sufficient."

26. "In my case, the randomization procedure is a hindering factor, because I do not fully understand how it has to be done."

27. "I find it difficult to explain to the patient the rationale and the benefit of the trial."

28. "I think that in regards to time, costs and transportation too much is expected from the patients."

29. "I would recruit more patients if higher incentives were offered by the study coordinators. a) financial incentives"

30. "I would recruit more patients if higher incentives were offered by the study coordinators. b) co-authorships"

31. "I am only participating in the trial because my colleagues do so, but I am not committed to the trial."

32. "I have concerns that the recruitment of a patient could have a negative influence on the doctor-patient-relationship."

33. "I have concerns that the recruitment of a patient could have a negative influence on my relationship to colleagues."

34. "One reason why recruiting patients is difficult for me is that there is no rehabilitation programme close-by."

35. "One reason why recruiting patients is difficult for me is that it is impossible to refer a patient immediately to rehabilitation."