



WITHOUT BOUNDARIES
CHALLENGES AND HOPES FOR LIVING WITH ADHD:
AN INTERNATIONAL SURVEY



Italy – Key Survey Results

FAST FACT: The average length of time for diagnosis of a child with ADHD in Italy was 3.1 years – the longest time reported by parents from any of the countries involved in this survey

Impact on the Child with ADHD

- 83% of parents are concerned that ADHD will threaten their child's academic success
- 62% of parents state that their child has been excluded from social activities because of his or her behaviour

Impact on the Family

- 91% of parents often feel stressed or worried by their child's ADHD
- 64% of parents think that family activities are disrupted by their child's behavioural problem
- 77% of parents report early mornings and 66% report evenings to be difficult or very difficult for coping with their child's ADHD symptoms, compared with 78% reporting school time to be difficult or very difficult

Experience of Diagnosis

- The average length of time from when a parent first visited a health professional to talk about their child's behaviour, to a diagnosis by a specialist, was 3.1 years
- 61% of parents felt the diagnosis process took too long
- 89% of parents believe that their child's primary care physician did not seem to know much about ADHD
- 14% of parents found it hard to get referral to a specialist physician

Perspectives on Treatment

- 81% of parents find that treatment helps to relieve pressure on the family as a whole
- 85% of parents find that treatment helps their child interact socially
- 73% of parents agree that children should be given the opportunity to receive ADHD medication as part of their treatment plan if that is the parents' choice
- 83% of parents want a treatment that addresses symptoms throughout the entire day
- Only 48% of parents felt that their child's current treatment effectively controls symptoms throughout the whole day