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Social factors have a distinctive impact on health

Vienna, 2020-11-23 – An analysis of the results of the Austrian Health Interview Survey 2019, carried out by Statistics Austria on behalf of the Ministry of Health and the Federal Health Agency, aims to determine the influence of living conditions and social status on personal health and health behaviour. The main findings are that primarily education, but also income or a foreign background do have an impact on health status and behaviour. For example, a low educational level is frequently related to health risk factors such as smoking and obesity or a poorer individual assessment of personal health as well as the increased occurrence of chronic back or neck pain.

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