GERMAN HOSPITAL FEDERATION
PARTNER OF THE HOSPITALS
Over 17 million patients are treated each year in more than 2,200 hospitals in Germany. Hospitals make an indispensable contribution to the treatment of patients in our health care system.

Given the diversity of their ownership and their proximity to patients’ homes, Germany’s hospitals offer modern, accessible care to all patients throughout the country.

The German Hospital Federation (Deutsche Krankenhausgesellschaft – DKG) supports the hospitals in Germany. As the national association of hospital owners, the DKG acts as the advocate of hospital interests.
The German Hospital Federation represents hospitals in all health policy decisions and is the partner of politicians, institutions, associations and scientific groups.

As a national association, the German Hospital Federation represents 28 member associations: 16 state associations, 12 national organizations. With its diverse basis, the German Hospital Federation represents the whole spectrum of hospital interests in Germany.

On July 1st 2004 the German Hospital Federation merged its former offices in Düsseldorf and Berlin in the German capital. The new headquarters on Wegelystraße in Berlin-Charlottenburg have become one of the first addresses in the health-political dialogue.

Sixty-five employees work on all hospital issues – e.g. hospital finance, hospital personnel, data processing, quality assurance as well as legal and medical issues – in the DKG’s ten departments at its headquarters in Berlin. The careful analysis of health policy developments and public relations are central tasks of the German Hospital Federation. Furthermore, the association publishes one of the most important journals for the German hospital sector “das Krankenhaus”.

Founded in 1949, the German Hospital Federation has grown through the post-war period into a reliable representative of the hospitals in Germany. Based on close cooperation with its 28 members, the DKG can prepare and implement its statutory tasks in close attunement to hospitals’ needs. In addition to its political tasks, the German Hospital Federation focuses on maintaining public dialogue, information exchange and research support.
More than 17 million patients are provided care in Germany’s 2,221 hospitals by over one million employees. The hospitals not only guarantee 24-hour patient services, but they also are a fundamental pillar of medical progress. With annual revenues of 64 billion Euro, German hospitals are an important economic factor in the growing health care sector. In many regions, hospitals are the largest employers.

Despite increasingly tight budgets, staffing restrictions and reductions in the number of hospital beds, Germany’s hospitals provide first-class care to patients. The medical treatment, nursing care and research performed in Germany’s hospitals is among the best in the world. To maintain this high level of care and secure the continued existence of hospitals, the German Hospital Federation acts as an advocate of the hospital sector.

**Total Expenditures of the Social Health Insurance System 2003**

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*Source: Bundesministerium für Gesundheit und Soziale Sicherung*

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**HOSPITALS IN HEALTH CARE POLICY**

The German Hospital Federation is part of Germany’s system of self-government in health care. With the other parties involved in the self-government system – health insurance funds, medical associations and nursing associations – the DKG is actively involved in all decisions that affect the hospital sector. In the self-government system, the German Hospital Federation plays a formative role in designing the future system for hospital payment and quality assurance measures.

The German Hospital Federation is member of the Federal Joint Committee. The Federal Joint Committee issues the directives that are necessary for safeguarding medical provision. The German Hospital Federation represents Germany’s hospitals at European and international levels in the International Hospital Federation (IHF) and in the Standing Committee of Hospitals in the European Union (HOPE).
Recent health care reforms have led to an increasing scarcity of financial resources in the hospital sector. This trend will continue to affect all sectors of the health care system. The increasing size of the elderly population and the growing number of persons with chronic diseases will pose new challenges to hospitals.

Enhancing efficiency in all hospitals is therefore one of the most important objectives in ensuring universal access to hospital facilities and maintaining high-quality care.

The performance of hospitals in the provision of care and the optimal coordination of the treatment process are the prime focus of the German Hospital Federation in its work for hospitals.
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Deutsches Krankenhausinstitut e.V. (DKI)
Gesellschaft Deutscher Krankenhaustag mbH (GDK)
Deutsche Krankenhaus TrustCenter und Informationsverarbeitung GmbH (DKTIG)
Kuratorium zur Förderung Deutscher Medizin im Ausland e.V.
The DKG’s Organs and Committees

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Headquarters

16 State Hospital Associations:
- Baden-Württembergische Krankenhausgesellschaft e.V. Stuttgart
- Bayerische Krankenhausgesellschaft e.V. München
- Berliner Krankenhausgesellschaft e.V. Berlin
- Landeskrankenhausgesellschaft Brandenburg e.V. Potsdam
- Krankenhausgesellschaft der Freien Hansestadt Bremen e.V. Bremen
- Hamburgische Krankenhausgesellschaft e.V. Hamburg
- Hessische Krankenhausgesellschaft e.V. Eschborn
- Krankenhausgesellschaft Mecklenburg-Vorpommern e.V. Schwerin
- Niedersächsische Krankenhausgesellschaft e.V. Hannover
- Krankenhausgesellschaft Nordrhein-Westfalen e.V. Düsseldorf
- Krankenhausgesellschaft Rheinland-Pfalz e.V. Mainz
- Saarländische Krankenhausgesellschaft e.V. Saarbrücken
- Krankenhausgesellschaft Sachsen e.V. Leipzig
- Krankenhausgesellschaft Sachsen-Anhalt e.V. Halle
- Krankenhausgesellschaft Schleswig-Holstein e.V. Kiel
- Landeskrankenhausgesellschaft Thüringen e.V. Erfurt

12 National Associations:
- Arbeiterwohlfahrt Bundesverband e.V. Bonn
- Bundesverband Deutscher Privatkrankenanstalten e.V. Berlin
- Deutscher Caritasverband e.V. Freiburg
- Deutscher Landkreistag Berlin
- Deutscher Paritätischer Wohlfahrtsverband e.V. Berlin
- Deutscher Städte- und Gemeindebund Berlin
- Deutscher Städtetag Köln
- Deutsches Rotes Kreuz e.V. Berlin
- Diakonisches Werk der Evangelischen Kirche in Deutschland e.V. Berlin
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