

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

Are you engaged in academic research or working in an industrial research department or company? Why not take advantage of our wide-ranging expertise and excellent networking ties to leading scientists in the heart failure research community? We can support you in the following areas of research:

- Basic science using the resources of a comprehensive biomaterial bank
- Clinical trials in an international network
- Health services research
- Heart failure registries
- Medical device studies
- Telemedicine studies
- Health economics studies
- Study management
(writing applications, analyzing data, etc.)

Get in touch with us!

JOIN US!

Are you interested in collaborating with the Competence Network Heart Failure?

Would you like to know more about us?

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COMPETENCE NETWORK HEART FAILURE
GERMANY

RESULTS
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WHO WE ARE.

The Competence Network Heart Failure is a German, university-based association for heart failure research. Established in 2003 and funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), the cardiology network is actively engaged in research at eleven locations across Germany. It has conducted numerous projects since its creation. These range from basic science to clinical trials and health services research, and have resulted in many significant findings on heart failure mechanisms and methods of diagnosis and treatment. The Network hosts its own biomaterial bank, which is supplemented by harmonized clinical data and is unique of its kind in Europe. The resources that have been built up and the well-established infrastructure today enable the Network to conduct large-scale national and international studies. This expertise renders the Competence Network Heart Failure one of the top addresses for cardiology research.

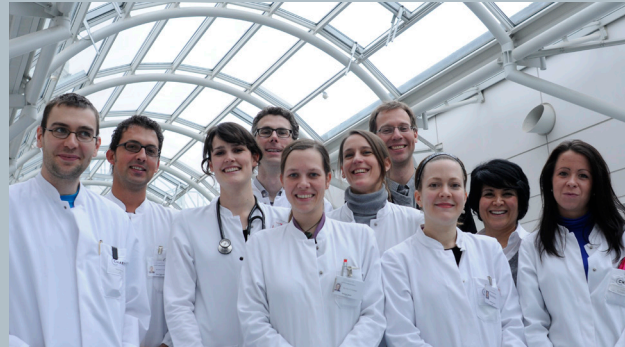


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“We see ourselves
as partners
in the heart
failure research
community.”

Prof. Dr. Georg Ertl

Speaker for the Competence Network Heart Failure
and Head of the Department of Internal Medicine at
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INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL TRIALS NETWORK

Clinical trials are expensive and time-consuming. Our international academic clinical trials network enables us to work more cost-efficiently. Reliability and excellence are our top priorities. You, too, can take advantage of our well-established infrastructure to set up new academic and industrial collaborations.

HIGH STANDARD OF CARE IN GERMANY

A large number of health services studies have helped to compile a comprehensive picture of the various treatment and support strategies available to heart failure patients in Germany. The results have been invaluable: authoritative publications by some of Germany's most eminent scientists have emerged from work conducted within the Competence Network.



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GENE INTERACTION

Some 100,000 samples of serum, plasma and DNA collected from 7,000 heart failure patients are stored in the Competence Network's central biomaterial bank, making it one of the largest collections of such material in Europe. Access is possible on request for use in innovative research projects.

HUMAN-CENTERED TECHNOLOGY

The Competence Network has tested various innovative approaches to patient care based on telemedicine. In one of the studies, patients' blood pressure readings and ECG data were transmitted from their homes to the doctor's office via internet or mobile phone. Other studies have investigated the effectiveness of telephone support programmes for patients. The evidence shows that telemonitoring systems can have a positive impact on disease management.