THE VOICE OF GERMANY’S HOSPITALS
Hospitals are the backbone of Germany’s health care system. As a motor of medical innovation, hospitals play a decisive role in ensuring that patients benefit from new technologies. With more than 35 million inpatient and outpatient cases per year, Germany’s 2,064 hospitals focus on the provision of emergency treatment and serving patients with serious and complex conditions.

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Seventy-five employees in 10 departments work at the association’s offices in Berlin, dealing with all topics of relevance to hospitals; issues such as hospital finance, human resources in the hospital, information technology, quality assurance and legal and medical issues. The thorough analysis of ongoing health policy developments as well as press and public relations are also core activities of the German Hospital Federation. Its journal “das Krankenhaus” is one of the most influential German-language periodicals for the hospital sector.

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Germany’s hospital sector not only ensures that health care is available to the sick and the injured 24 hours a day, it is also a cornerstone of medical innovation. With total revenues of 70 billion Euros, Germany’s hospitals are an important economic factor and an important motor for job creation in the growing health care market. In many regions, hospitals are the most important employers.

Despite financial constraints as well as restrictions on personnel and bed capacity, Germany’s hospitals provide all patients with first-class medical care. The quality of treatment, care and research can bear comparison with other actors on international level. The German Hospital Federation acts as advocate of the hospital sector to make sure this remains so in the future.
The Role of Hospitals in Health Policy

The German Hospital Federation is active in Germany’s system of self-government in health care. In cooperation with the other members of the self-government system – health insurers, medical societies and representatives of the providers of long-term care – the German Hospital Federation is actively involved in all decisions that affect the hospital sector. Within the self-government system, the German Hospital Federation plays a formative role in matters concerning Germany’s hospital finance system and quality assurance in the hospital sector.

The German Hospital Federation is a member of the Federal Joint Committee (Gemeinsamer Bundesausschuss), which issues the directives necessary for safeguarding the provision of health care. The German Hospital Federation also represents the interests of Germany’s hospitals at European level by its Brussels based EU-liaison-office. Its Executive Director, Georg Baum, is president of the European Hospital and Healthcare Federation (HOPE). As a member of the International Hospital Federation (IHF), the German Hospital Federation also represents Germany’s hospitals at international level.

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- Gesellschaft Deutscher Krankenhaustag mbH (GDK)
- Deutsche Krankenhaus TrustCenter und Informationsverarbeitung GmbH (DKTIG)

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