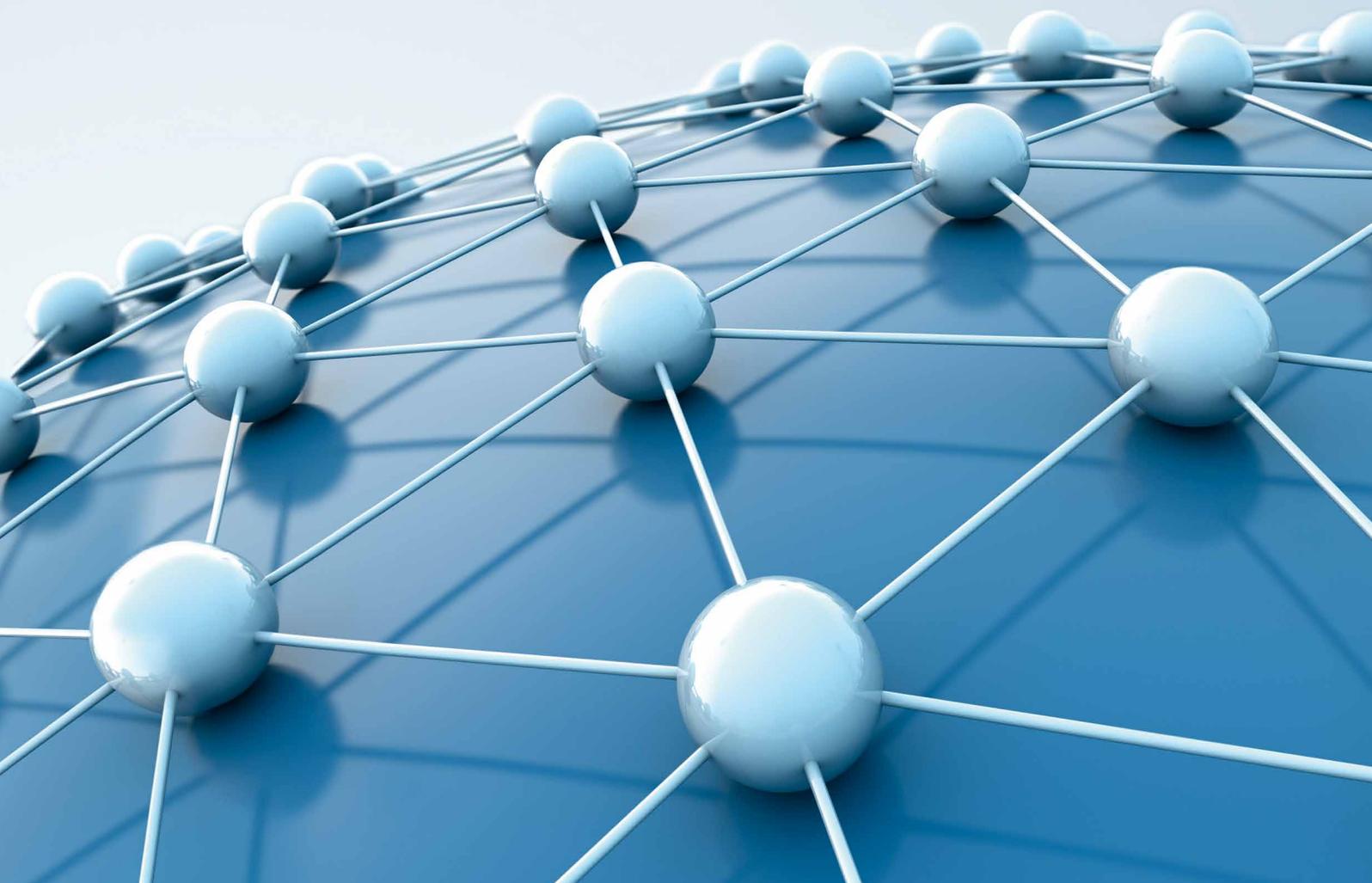


AMICE

INTRODUCING AN AMICABLE NETWORK
OF ACADEMICAL MEDICAL CENTRES IN EUROPE



WHO WE ARE

AMiCE—an amicable network of Academic Medical Centres in Europe – is a network of university hospitals in Europe that amicably work together in the fields of patient care, management, research and teaching.

The AMiCE members seek to achieve the highest standards of healthcare and outcomes by working and cooperating together effectively. Through a combination of knowledge exchange and mutual projects, the university hospitals recognize the important role they play in the development of healthcare.



Dear reader,

We all face a large number of different challenges in our day to day clinical and managerial routines which we have to solve individually for our own organizations. However, being part of the AMiCE network gives us the chance to hold up a mirror to our actions and decisions. For me, open discussions of our ideas and decisions, processes and projects with equal partners are an important contribution to our overall goal of providing excellent patient care.

Apart from any notion of competition, by bundling individual strengths it will be possible to emulate the strong international interconnection of medicine itself. The very tight AMiCE network is our way of choice to do this.

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. med. D. Michael Albrecht
President of the AMiCE network

WHAT WE DO

Operating at the heart of an ever-changing healthcare environment, university medical centres provide their patients with the highest standards of care. Maintaining and expanding this excellence in research, teaching and patient care represents a growing challenge.

When AMiCE was founded in 1996, the key motivation was a shared belief that patients would benefit greatly from an amicable exchange of expertise among university medical centres in Europe. From the very beginning, this credo has driven AMiCE's activities. And it still does today. Accordingly, AMiCE members have developed their activities in two ways:

Multilevel exchange in working groups

AMiCE working groups are held throughout the year and involve not only medical but also managerial decision-makers.

Professionals in management and administration participate in various workshops and symposia, e.g.:

- Procurement
- Risk Management/Quality Management
- IT/E-Health
- Human Resources

Clinical staff take part in workshops on topics such as:

- Operation Room Management
- Comprehensive Cancer Centre
- Research in general
- Diabetes (to be established)

High-level exchange at **CEO level** takes place twice a year.

Exchange programme for professionals

An exchange programme allows clinical and administrative staff to gain insights into daily routines and processes in their field of interest at a university medical centre of an AMiCE member. The advantages are clear:

- Professionals gain hands-on experience in their respective field of expertise from a new perspective.
- Exchange partners learn more about each other's daily challenges in maintaining high quality standards for patients.
- Building amicable contacts with professionals from partner hospitals paves the way for the exchange of ideas on the future development of university medical centres in Europe.

BE PART OF IT

University medical centres in Europe face multiple and dramatic challenges in the years and decades to come. Exploding financial costs in healthcare systems, cutbacks in public funding and ever-growing bureaucratic procedures require urgent answers. At the same time, medical standards need to evolve quickly as ageing societies and increasing chronic diseases are likely to put further pressure on European healthcare systems.

Shouldering patient care, teaching and research, university hospitals are highly exposed to these challenges. Taking action now is more necessary than ever.

We – the AMiCE partners – believe that university hospitals in Europe can count on their proficiency in order to confront the challenges ahead of us.

- University medical centres are dedicated to further developing the highest standards in healthcare.
- They have a track record of excellent results in research and teaching – some of them over hundreds of years.
- They show deep commitment to the well-being of their patients.

Our goal with AMiCE: Sharing excellence in healthcare

The way that challenges in healthcare are confronted may differ among university medical centres in Europe. However, our challenges remain similar. This represents an exciting opportunity because every individual approach to problem-solving will be a source of inspiration for every university hospital.

Therefore, we amicably share our expertise, dedication and commitment within the Amicable Network of University Medical Centres in Europe, AMiCE. Together, we encourage new perspectives for University Medical Centres from a clinical and managerial point of view. Key instruments of our activities are working groups and an exchange programme for professionals.

We truly believe that the more we focus on the exchange of knowledge, the more we will progress for the benefit of our patients.

Our future: Join us!

You feel that AMiCE can help you to foster the excellence of your University Medical Centre?

You are convinced that you, as a University Medical Centre, can make a valuable contribution to the exchange of knowledge within our network?

Then we would be happy to share our ideas with you! Let's move forward together: We welcome you to AMiCE!

OUR MEMBERS

Each of our member hospitals contributes to the network with its individual history, experience and excellence. But all of them share the vision that only a joint network of European university hospitals will help to guide European policies and efforts for the benefit of our patients.



"It is good to be part of a network of excellent medical universities. The international approach provides ideas and knowledge which we cannot come up with on our own. Jointly, we can accomplish more."

Dr. med. Andreas Tecklenburg,
Vice President of MHH,
Member of the Board for Patient Care



Hannover Medical School, Germany

The Hannover Medical School (Medizinische Hochschule Hannover, MHH) is one of Germany's leading universities for research, patient care and teaching. With its concentrated support of specialized research areas, it is now one of the finest university clinics in the country. Every year, more than 58,000 inpatients are treated at the MHH, which provides the full range of treatment and care of the highest quality.

The MHH is a pioneer in transplant medicine and is one of the world's leading transplant centres. Moreover, the MHH has a leading position in cochlear implants, electronic inner ear stimulating devices. It also enjoys an outstanding international reputation in the treatment of children and adults with cancer, diseases of the lungs, liver, heart, kidneys, and metabolic disorders.



"Sharing experience, discussing and developing ideas together and setting benchmarks is the best way to support continuous improvement of the healthcare systems in Europe."

Prof. Dr. med. D. Michael Albrecht,
Chief Executive Officer,
University Hospital Carl Gustav
Carus Dresden



University Hospital Carl Gustav Carus Dresden, Germany

Founded in 1815, the University Medical Centre in Dresden plays a major role in East Saxony today. It is the only hospital in this region that offers maximum medical care to patients.

For the benefit of its patients, the focus is on the networking of all medical disciplines. Specialists from 21 clinics, three institutes and nine interdisciplinary centres work together to achieve the best possible therapeutic outcomes. More than 55,000 patients per year receive state-of-the-art medical treatment. 4,200 employees are dedicated to providing highly advanced medical care and to maintaining leading standards in research. Teaching this expertise is a core activity at the University Medical Centre Carl Gustav Carus Dresden.

Our staff are committed to excellent service and care. The overall aim of our employees is to understand the needs of every single patient admitted to our hospital. We encourage our employees to engage in continuous learning and further education.



Landeskrankenhaus -
Universitätsklinikum Graz



LKH University Hospital Graz, Austria

Playing an important role for southeast Austria and the city of Graz, the LKH University Hospital Graz provides maximum medical care to patients in the region.

Guided by its motto "People help people" (Menschen helfen Menschen), 6,600 employees and 4,300 students take care of the well-being of patients who are treated at LKH University Hospital Graz. The focus predominantly lies on heart diseases (valvular surgery, bypass operations, vascular stent implantation, cardiac pacemakers, heart defibrillators), transplantations (skin, stem cells), cataract surgery, dialysis and intravitreal injections.

In 1976, the LKH University Hospital Graz took an innovative step in medicine when neurosurgeons succeeded in excising a brain tumour using a laser beam for the first time in history.

"The AMiCE network is of great value for international cooperation between university hospitals.

For this purpose we have regular meetings of CEOs. I appreciate the good culture of cooperation and conversation. We can all learn a lot from each other."

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Gernot Brunner,
Medical Director,
LKH University Hospital Graz



Vienna General Hospital (Allgemeines Krankenhaus der Stadt Wien – Medizinischer Universitätscampus/AKH Wien), Austria

The AKH Wien was founded in 1784 and in keeping with the original motto of "Saluti et solatio aegorum – For the salvation and solace of the sick" strives – together with the other Austrian university hospitals – to ensure the availability of the highest standard of medicine to the Austrian people. Today the AKH cares for around 100,000 inpatients a year and has more than 1 million unique outpatient contacts. Due to its size, the AKH has an enormous patient base, including some rare conditions and procedures that are a major driver of research activities.

Special areas of competence of the AKH are its Comprehensive Cancer Centre, transplantation medicine, cardiovascular medicine and paediatric medicine. Some exemplary highlights are the very large lung transplant programme, the assisted heart device programme, the paediatric-haematological unit of the affiliated St. Anna Kinderspital (St. Anna Children's Hospital) and also – being Vienna – its Department of Psychoanalysis.

"The challenges in all European university hospitals are very similar. AMiCE give us the possibility to learn from each other and to compare various approaches. 'Bring your experience and get best solutions in different fields' – that will be our aim."

Dipl. Ing. Herwig Wetzlinger
Chief Executive Officer, Vienna
General Hospital

Brussels

Hannover

Berne



University Medicine Greifswald, Germany

"The AMiCE network enables us to exchange experience about healthcare issues at European level. Furthermore, the bundling of resources allows us to pursue common interests more effectively."

Dr. med. Thorsten Wygold, MBA,
Medical Director,
University Medicine Greifswald

Our origin dates back to 1456. Today it comprises a wide range of business activities in which 21 clinics and 19 institutes as well as a number of associated institutions work closely together. We combine healthcare, research and education. The field of Community Medicine plays an important part. Our population-based study SHiP (Study of Health in Pomerania) investigates common risk factors, subclinical disorders and manifest diseases in the high-risk population of Germany's Northeast. The data obtained enables us to draw conclusions for patient-centred care and to develop prevention measures. With over 4,600 employees, University Medicine Greifswald with its subsidiaries is the largest employer and thus one of the most important economic factors in the region.



Universitair Ziekenhuis Brussel, Belgium

"AMiCE is an informal, international, and intercollegial platform that fosters new ideas and insights in a friendly atmosphere."

Prof. Dr. Marc Noppen,
Chief Executive Officer,

UZ Brussel (Universitair Ziekenhuis Brussel) is a university hospital with more than 3,400 employees. Housing 721 hospital beds, UZ Brussel each year admits more than 27,000 inpatients, more than 27,000 day-care patients, and 470,000 outpatients, both national and international. UZ Brussel endorses the core values of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Free University of Brussels) of which it is part. The hospital provides tuition to students aspiring to the healthcare professions, such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists and welfare workers. Thanks to a skilled and specialised team of highly skilled professionals and the availability of high-tech equipment, patients requiring highly specialised care are referred to the university hospital for treatment.



Inselspital, University Hospital Berne, Switzerland

"Medical science and medical care have reached global dimensions. International networking is for the Inselspital therefore a must."

Holger Baumann,
Chairman of the Board of
Management

Inselspital, a university hospital, plays an important role within the Swiss health care system. It is a medical competence, high-technology and knowledge centre and an interface for academic scholarship and scientific research. Founded in 1354, it is unique in its deep-rootedness within the community. It offers specialized tertiary medical services, including transplantation services, with an advanced approach to interdisciplinarity and quality of human care. Starting from January 1st 2016 Inselspital forms with the five secondary-level hospitals of the Spital Netz Bern AG, which are situated around and in Berne, a powerful hospital group – Inselgruppe AG. By way of this institutional integration with a local hospital company we aim at providing university based specialized services combined with basic health services from a single source.



Wroclaw Medical University (WMU)

"The Amice network is an ideal and prospective opportunity to improve the European healthcare. The high quality of medicine standards and research activities cannot be accomplished without sharing our skills, information and joint action."

Professor Marek Zitek DDS,
PhD, Rector
Wroclaw Medical University

Wroclaw Medical University is an important, constantly growing university. This academic centre stands out among all medical schools not only in Lower Silesia, but also in Poland. Almost 6,000 people are studying currently at our university at five different faculties. WMU takes a leading position in the country in terms of international students exchange and prides itself on having extensive experience in innovation and in activities connected with maximizing results of scientific research.

The WMU is the founding body of two university hospitals and the largest centre for specialized treatment of patients from Lower Silesia, Opolskie and Lubuskie regions of the highest degree of referentiality. Moreover, these two hospitals provide highly specialized services with the use of the latest methods of treatment.

We are proud of our active participation in projects for science development, entrepreneurship and the introduction of technological innovation with public authorities, local governments and enterprises.



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