

HEALTHCARE LOCATION BERLIN

Medical excellence in Berlin

- More than 90 hospitals with roughly 2,200 beds
- More than 9,900 hospital doctors
- More than 9,200 doctors in general or specialist outpatient practices
- More than 13,000 healthcare companies
- More than 30 pharmacological companies

A longstanding medical tradition...

Berlin is proud of its 300-year history of hospital medicine. Established in 1710, the Charité hospital is where such renowned physicians and scientists as the pathologist Rudolf Virchow and Nobel laureates Paul Ehrlich (immunology) and Robert Koch (microbiology) trained in the 19th century. Visitors to the Charité's Museum of Medical History are given an insight into the medical research laboratories.

...coupled with state-of-the-art treatment

Today, Berlin is home to numerous top-class experts in the fields of medicine, biotechnology, pharmacy and medical technology. This gives rise to close and intensive cooperation in medical care, academic research and further development of new treatment methods. Thanks to the German capital's huge research scene and close interlinking of research with clinical practice, innovative products and techniques can be quickly incorporated into everyday hospital routines. This ensures that patients are offered medical treatment at the very highest level and benefit from the latest scientific knowledge.

Medical expertise

Berlin offers a unique and extensive range of medical care in the fields of prevention, diagnostics and medical treatment. Given the needs of the city's population of 3.5 million, not to mention the numerous patients living in the region around Berlin, the number of patients treated is very high. In 2015, roughly 825,000 patients were admitted to Berlin's hospitals for inpatient treatment, primarily in the areas of cardiology, trauma surgery and gastroenterology. Such a large number of cases gives doctors the chance to acquire extensive experience and enhance their skills. At the same time, doctors can specialize in all kinds of different fields. Berlin is one of the cities in Germany with the highest number of doctors, meaning that patients from Berlin and abroad will always be able to find the right specialist for virtually any medical condition.

Treatment for international patients

Patients from all over the world entrust their health to Berlin's doctors. The number of international patients has surged by 15% since 2012. On average, 17,000 – 21,000 patients travel to Berlin each year for medical treatment.

A special level of service for specific needs

Many Berlin hospitals and practices are now geared to the particular needs of patients from abroad. Many employ international staff to ensure multilingual support. Numerous hospitals have an International Office whose staff do everything they can to make the hospital stay as pleasant as possible for patients. Several hospitals offer "comfort wards" where international patients can enjoy more privacy and greater comfort in a single or twin room. These wards feature a particularly high standard of service, including for example WiFi, international TV stations and newspapers in different languages. In many cases a wider choice of dishes is available, and specific dietary requirements (e.g. halal) can be more easily accommodated.

Further information can be found at www.berlin-health-excellence.de