

The Association of German Anaesthesiologists

There is a close co-operation between the DGAI and the Association of German Anaesthesiologists (Berufsverband Deutscher Anästhesisten, BDA), that was founded in 1961, and that is responsible for the job-related and economic interests of anaesthesiologists working in Germany. The BDA has currently more than 15,000 members.

The BDA represents the job-related political interests of anaesthesiologists in Germany. It is a negotiating partner on regional as well as on federal levels when dealing with the representatives of the public health authorities.

The Professional Association of German Anaesthesiologists, together with the scientific organisation DGAI, is responsible for the interdisciplinary co-operation with other specialists.

German Academy of Continuing Education in Anaesthesiology (DAAF)

Long before continuing medical education became a buzzword and legally mandatory for all doctors in Germany, the German anaesthesiologists founded this academy in 1977. Since that time, the academy has served the promotion of training courses and refresher courses in anaesthesiology, intensive care medicine, emergency medicine and pain medicine.

Current Projects

PaSOS

The Incident Reporting System of DGAI and BDA

 www.pasos-ains.de

QUIPS

Quality Assurance in Postoperative Pain Therapy

 www.quips-projekt.de

e-Learning

Portal for further training and continuing education in anaesthesiology, intensive care medicine, emergency medicine, pain therapy, and health economics.

 www.my-bda.com

Reanimationsregister

Registering data of CPR patients in Germany

 www.reanimationsregister.de

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REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF GERMAN ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS



DGAI

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für Anästhesiologie und Intensivmedizin

- ▶ Science
- ▶ Continuing Education
- ▶ Guidelines
- ▶ Teaching
- ▶ Research
- ▶ Promoting Young Researchers

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Anaesthesiology in Germany

Hospitals

2,139

Beds

523,824

Number of anaesthesiology departments (2005)

1,278

Number of ICU beds (2005)

23,117

including

14,956 surgical and interdisciplinary beds

Number of specialists in anaesthesiology (2006)

17,418

including approximately in hospitals

13,469

including approximately in private practice

3,174

An evaluation of 993 hospitals in Germany shows that more than 90% of all anaesthesiology departments have their own ICU. Nearly 80% have their own recovery room, and more than half of them a special pain therapy and emergency division.

Specialist Training

Duration of specialist training (for board qualification):

- ▶ 5 years (minimum)

Additional possibilities for specialist training (as a particular competence) in:

- ▶ intensive care medicine
- ▶ pain medicine
- ▶ emergency medicine
- ▶ palliative medicine

The German Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine

The German Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Anästhesiologie und Intensivmedizin, DGAI) was founded in 1953, with the role “of uniting the efforts of German physicians in creating and developing the fields of anaesthesiology, intensive care, emergency medicine and pain therapy, and to provide the highest possible standard of care for the population in these fields”. The DGAI is the scientific society of anaesthesiology in Germany and therefore responsible for research and training in anaesthesia.

The DGAI is member of the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiology (WFSA), which includes the international societies of anaesthesiology worldwide, and of the European Society of Anaesthesiology (ESA). The official journals of the DGAI are “Anästhesiologie & Intensivmedizin”, “Der Anaesthetist” and “Anästhesiologie - Intensivmedizin - Notfallmedizin - Schmerztherapie”.

The DGAI annually organizes the German Congress of Anaesthesia (DAC), the “Berlin Congress of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine” (HAI) and five regional congresses.

According to the federal structure of Germany, the DGAI is divided into 17 regional sections, gathering more than 12,000 members. The statutes of the DGAI anticipate full membership only for those anaesthesiologists having a completed board qualification. Physicians in training can be accepted as associated members. Foreign anaesthetists, who have contributed to the development of anaesthesia in Germany, can be elected as corresponding members.