

## Current Projects

### **EIN LEBEN RETTEN - 100-PRO-REANIMATION**

CPR-Training for non-professionals  
[www.einlebenretten.de](http://www.einlebenretten.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](http://www.my-bda.com)

### **QUIPS**

Quality Assurance in Postoperative Pain Therapy  
[www.quips-projekt.de](http://www.quips-projekt.de)

### **NARKOSE IN SICHEREN HÄNDEN**

Information for patients  
[www.sichere-narkose.de](http://www.sichere-narkose.de)

### **REANIMATIONSREGISTER**

German Resuscitation Registry  
[www.reanimationsregister.de](http://www.reanimationsregister.de)

### **CIRS-AINS**

The Incident Reporting System of DGAI and BDA  
[www.cirs-ains.de](http://www.cirs-ains.de)

### **ZURÜCK INS LEBEN BACK TO LIFE**

A campaign for improving the image of intensive care medicine

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## The German Society of Anaesthesiology & Intensive Care Medicine (DGAI)

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 Anaesthesist" 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 14,200 members. The statutes of the DGAI anticipate full membership for anaesthesiologists having a completed board qualification and for physicians in training. Non anaesthetists working in

departments of anaesthesiology can be accepted as associated members. Foreign anaesthetists, who have contributed to the development of anaesthesia in Germany, can be elected as corresponding members.

## The Association of German Anaesthesiologists (BDA)

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 17,300 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.

# ANAESTHESIOLOGY IN GERMANY

## Hospitals

2,045

## Beds

502,029

## Number of anaesthesiology departments

1,197

## Number of ICU beds

25,519

including surgical and interdisciplinary beds

15,956

## Number of specialists in anaesthesiology

23,531

including approximately in hospitals

17,895

including approximately in private practice

3,930

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