

Fact sheet: Skin Cancer Council Germany (NVKH)

Objectives

The Skin Cancer Council Germany (NVKH) is a nation-wide association that brings together relevant groups in the field of skin cancer treatment. It engages dermatologists and other specialists who are active in skin cancer patient care and research as well as policy-makers and stakeholders in health care.

The NVKH initiates projects in the field of skin cancer that seek to strengthen and improve the prevention, early diagnosis and treatment as well as establish a people- and patient-centered approach.

The aim of the initiative is to implement the National Cancer Plan (*Nationaler Krebsplan/ NKP*). A target-oriented strategy along with an interdisciplinary and cooperative approach is a fundamental aspect of the NVKH. Thanks to well-aligned projects, the exploitation of synergies and sharing of common values, the NVKH has established a dynamic and sustainable network that is jointly committed to fighting skin cancer.

Focus areas

The NVKH activities pursue 13 defined goals that are divided in four focus areas to promote cancer control:

- 1) Development of strategies for cancer prevention and early diagnosis
- 2) Development of oncological treatment options and quality assurance
- 3) Securing efficient oncological treatment
- 4) Strengthening patient-centered care/ cancer services

These goals are directly aligned with the National Cancer Plan.

Background

The NVKH network was founded in 2013 by the German Dermatological Society (*Deutsche Dermatologische Gesellschaft/ DDG*), the Association of German Dermatologists (*Berufsverband der Deutschen Dermatologen/ BVDD*), the Association for Dermatological Oncology (*Arbeitsgemeinschaft Dermatologische Onkologie/ ADO*) and the Association for Dermatological Prevention (*Arbeitsgemeinschaft Dermatologische Prävention/ ADP*).

The NVKH and its projects receive financial support from industry and the German Skin Cancer Foundation (*Deutsche Hautkrebsstiftung*). The funding institutions do not exert influence on the NVKH activities whatsoever.

Structure

The Steering Committee acts as the ultimate coordination body of the NVKH. It is supported by the interdisciplinary Advisory Board which consists of non-dermatological expert associations and societies.

The Steering Committee organises an annual conference to which all members and interested parties are invited. In addition, the initiative and its members welcome participants to information events and are frequently represented at relevant congresses.

Each of the four focus areas has a coordinator who is in charge of targeted activities. The coordinator regularly organises working group meetings to foster an exchange between the group's members and to develop new project ideas.

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