

Quality Standard

The Medical Center for the Treatment of Intestinal Diseases at the Klinikum Niederberg participates in a permanent benchmark program with other Medical Centers in Germany. Ongoing scientific exchange and the reference to standardized guidelines guarantee a constant self-checking and an objective verification of our approach in medicine and nursing. And one thing is certain: our patients are the center of everything we do. And everything we do focuses on a substantial improvement of our patients' health condition. This is our daily ambition and our stimulus.



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Early Recognition, Diagnosis, Treatment, Therapy

The Disease

Intestinal diseases are among the most frequent illnesses. Clearly, every incident relating to intestinal diseases requires specific medical treatment. Medical treatment that is provided by two parties on two complementary sectors of health care: practitioners in primary care and specialized physicians by means of in-patient treatment.

Our clinical experts and the methods applied in the Klinikum Niederberg provide everything that is crucial to a medical treatment's success:

- Thoroughness and accurateness in early recognition
- Reliability and unambiguousness in diagnosis
- Proven and certified quality in the treatment of intestinal diseases

In Germany, intestinal cancer shows the second highest incidence-rates among all tumors. Every year, approximately 60.000 people are diagnosed with "intestinal cancer". The prospect of complete recuperation predominantly depends upon the disease stage, i.e. if the illness is detected in due time, the probability of recovery exceeds 90 percent.

In recognition of that aspect, the German health system has supported the broad implementation of oncological centers. They share one common goal: to establish and offer outstanding quality in patients' treatment of tumor diseases.



Gastroenterology at Klinikum Niederberg uses latest medical technology. On the picture, Dr. F. Köstermann demonstrates the „PillCam“. It is used for the diagnoses of intestinal diseases without performing coloscopy.

The Medical Center for the Treatment of Intestinal Diseases

At the Klinikum Niederberg, our patients receive all services from one source. The obligation to seek medical advice from a multitude of doctors located in different facilities is obsolete. It is replaced by a one-hand approach that combines all forms of cancer therapy, numerous approaches in cancer screening and sustainable aftercare. In addition, effective pain management and advisory and support services for patients who have or receive an anus praeter are a vital part of the portfolio.

The range of our services is completed by dieticians who answer your questions concerning the appropriate nutrition and in-house-experts on the field of psycho-oncology. In case there is need for a hairpiece after chemotherapy, our staff will arrange a meeting with a manufacturing company.

For patients with far advanced cancer without prospects for cure we offer beds in palliative care.

Round-Table Conference on Tumor Diseases

Up-to-date approaches in tackling tumor diseases require interdisciplinary, holistic action. We introduce all cancer-affected patients to the members of a round-table conference on tumor diseases that takes place weekly. A team consisting of specialized physicians from the cities of Wuppertal, Essen and Hattingen convenes experts on the field of haemato-oncology and radiotherapy. In these conferences, a joint resolution concerning any further therapy is determined. The decision is strictly based upon the official guidelines issued by the German Society of Gastroenterology and Oncology.

This way all our patients profit from the constant exchange of professional experience among medical experts. In case of indispensable surgery, be it precedent to our consultation or following it, or in the aftermath of chemotherapy, the Klinikum Niederberg has established a close affiliation with doctors from the region (Drs. Med. Naser Kalhori / Arnd Nusch / Werner Langer; www.onkologie-velbert.de)

If your disease status requires additional radiotherapy, you will profit from our cooperation with several centers for radiotherapy

in the vicinity of the Klinikum Niederberg, i.e. in the cities of Essen, Wuppertal and Hattingen. As members of the above-mentioned round-table Conference, these radiotherapists are familiar with the respective patient, the case's status and individual requirements.

Aftercare

For a consistent and frictionless follow-up, a close collaboration with the local general practitioner in charge is imperative. In general, intervals of mandatory follow-up sessions, i.e. repetition of proctoscopy/colonoscopy, subsequent to initial treatment, are performed as outpatient treatment by the Klinikum Niederberg.

Objectives

It is our core objective to offer the highest quality in health care to patients who suffer from intestinal diseases. Based upon up-to-date scientific knowledge and official guidelines, our interdisciplinary teams incorporate particular knowledge of extraordinary experts. It is our approach to exchange profound knowledge and views, within the The Medical Center for the Treatment of Intestinal Diseases and with external physicians alike. The result is an optimal, comprehensive and high quality treatment.

