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The German Cancer Research Center



GERMAN
CANCER RESEARCH CENTER
IN THE HELMHOLTZ ASSOCIATION

Our Research Topics



Cross-Cutting Topics across Research Areas



Digital Oncology



Biomedical Engineering and Technology Development



Prevention Research within the National Cancer Prevention Center (NCPC)

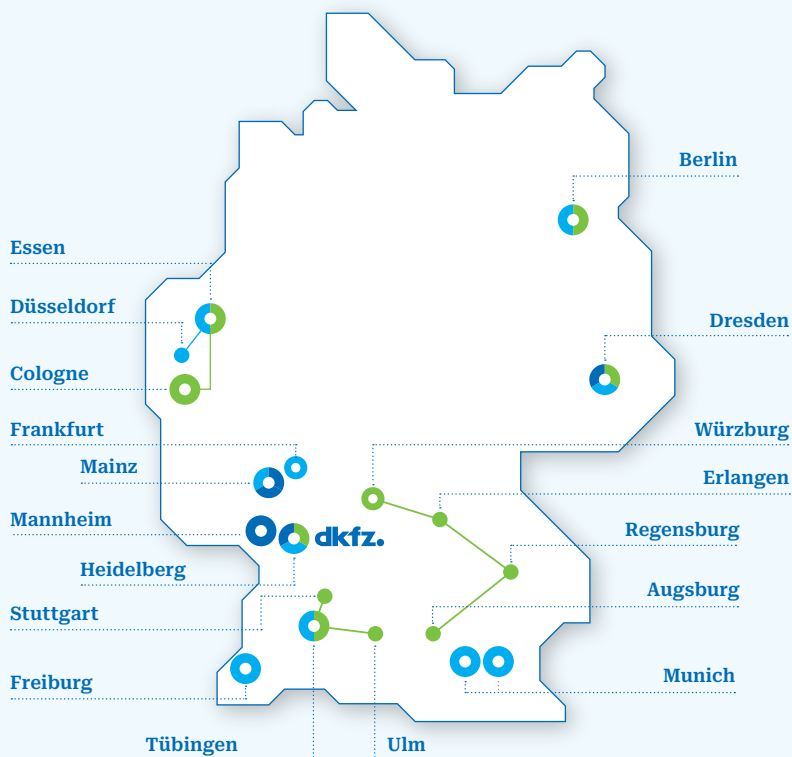


Preclinical Translation within the German Cancer Consortium (DKTK)



Clinical Translational Trials within the National Center for Tumor Diseases (NCT)

Locations of the DKFZ and/or translational centers



At the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ), we conduct research for a life without cancer. Our goal is to better understand cancer, detect it early, treat it effectively, and prevent it whenever possible.

To ensure that our research benefits patients, we operate translational centers across Germany, in collaboration with excellent university hospitals and leading research partners:

- National Centers for Tumor Diseases (NCT, 6 sites, 11 UMCs)
- German Cancer Consortium (DKTK, 8 sites, 11 UMCs)
- Hopp Children's Cancer Center (KITZ) Heidelberg
- Helmholtz Institute for Translational Oncology (HI-TRON) Mainz – a Helmholtz Institute of the DKFZ
- DKFZ Hector Cancer Institute at University Medicine Mannheim
- National Cancer Prevention Center (jointly with German Cancer Aid)

- DKFZ | German Cancer Research Center
- NCT | National Centers for Tumor Diseases
- DKTK | German Cancer Consortium



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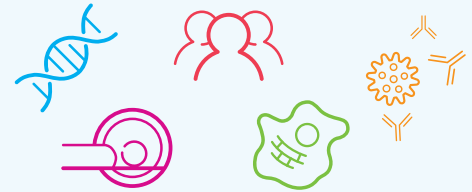
employees
from 88 nations
of which
approx. **2,500** in science
approx. **1,150** in infrastructure
and administration

Cancer
Information
Service

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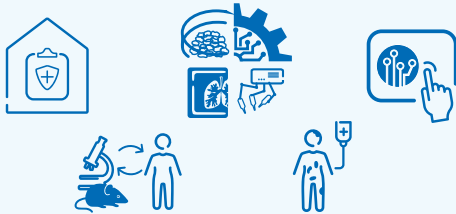
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Research
Topics



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Cross Topics
across the key
Research Topics



>100

Research units
including

26 independent
Junior Research Groups
6 Junior
Clinical Cooperation Units

>2,300

publications
per year
in international
scientific journals

Core Facilities

21

515

 Mio. €

Annual Budget

consisting of

Basic funding
Project funding
Technology transfer & donations

Scientific
Excellence

2

Nobel prizes



7

Leibniz prizes

23

German Cancer prizes

EU Projects

>190

projects
since 7th Framework
Program (2007)

ERC Grants

66

for DKFZ
employees

Innovation

18 Spin-offs founded (since 2019)
Average of **50** invention disclosures
p. a. (over the last four years)
275 active patent families
149 active options and licenses, as well
as **10** new license agreements in 2025