

## Public Relations

Public awareness work is an important part of the German Liver Foundation's role in providing information about liver disease. Liver disease often goes unnoticed and as a result is left untreated, which in the worst case can lead to cirrhosis and cancer of the liver. It is vital to raise awareness of the different types of liver disease to improve early detection.

The foundation, in collaboration with Deutsche Leberhilfe e.V. (German Liver Help Association) and Gastro-Liga e.V. (Gastro-liga – a society which researches gastric, intestinal, liver and metabolic related conditions) hosts the yearly 'German Liver Day' on 20th November. On this day, those who wish to can take the opportunity to inform themselves about liver disease.

## Network

The German Liver Foundation has set up a network of associated doctors, clinics, researchers, pharmacists and self-help groups throughout Germany. These associates set themselves apart by their own high level of expertise within the field of liver disease, but also make good use of the German Liver Foundation's resources. As a result, patients can quickly and easily find a competent port of contact in their area.

## Committees

The concept of networking is also evident in the foundation's committees. Key societies within the field of liver research, university hospitals as well as self-help groups were all involved in the establishing of the foundation.

The founding donors are represented on the founders' panel, the German Liver Foundation's supervisory board. Various firms also helped finance the foundation's establishment, all of which are represented on the board of trustees.

## Funding

The work undertaken by the German Liver Foundation is funded by donations and yearly subscriptions from the associated doctors, clinics, researchers and pharmacists.

In addition, various firms get involved as 'The German Liver Foundation's Partners', and so contribute to the financing.

Additional funds are raised for research projects and individual events.

The HepNet Study House of the German Liver Foundation is financed with federal funds.

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Network of associated doctors, clinics, researchers,  
pharmacists and self-help groups

Improving patient care

## Donations and funds for research

Make a contribution to help improve medical care for patients. Help support the German Liver Foundation with a donation or an endowment!



The tax on contributions to the German Liver Foundation can also be claimed back.

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## Die Deutsche Leberstiftung (The German Liver Foundation)

The German Liver Foundation concerns itself with all issues relating to that vital organ: the liver.

The Kompetenznetz Hepatitis (Competence Network for Viral Hepatitis) was created in 2002, thanks to the funding from the State Ministry for Education and Research. It supports nationwide research into hepatitis caused by viral infections.

### Research projects

The German Liver Foundation supports the Competence Network for Viral Hepatitis and its projects, including the HepNet Study House which carries out studies and registries to improve the treatments for liver disease. Central tissue and serum banks also provide important data required for research into diseases.

To improve medical care for patients with liver disease, the German Liver Foundation conducts its own research projects, in addition to promoting projects in other institutions.



Research...

### Promotion of research

The German Liver Foundation promotes research into the liver and related diseases. To this end, the foundation offers grants for research networking as well as for the preparation of clinical studies and projects. Every year, an outstanding publication in the field of hepatology is honoured with the 'Prize of the German Liver Foundation'. In addition, the foundation makes its contacts and scientific expertise available for use.

### Research network

One of the foundation's areas of emphasis is to promote research into liver diseases through research networks. The 'HepNet Journal', published by the foundation, is released twice a year and covers liver research in its entirety.

The German Liver Foundation's 'HepNet Symposium' takes place every year. It provides researchers and doctors with a forum where they can discuss the latest research results and possible treatments relating to their field.

### Information and advice

The German Liver Foundation provides information about the liver and liver diseases through various publications. Among these are leaflets such as 'Leber und Leberwerte', 'Leber und Fett', 'Leber und Alkohol', 'Leber und Krebs' and 'Leber und Transplantation'. Furthermore, the foundation provides a brochure entitled 'Lebererkrankungen und Ernährung', as well as leaflets and brochures about hepatitis B and C (in German).

The leaflets 'Hepatitis B' and 'Hepatitis C' for those affected and their loved ones are available in many different languages. Migrants from those countries where the infections are more prevalent, and who as a result are more likely to be directly affected, can therefore have all the relevant information in their native language.



... and good advice improves patient care.

On its website [www.deutsche-leberstiftung.de](http://www.deutsche-leberstiftung.de), the foundation offers extensive information about the liver and liver disease. There you can also find leaflets and brochures available for download. A 'Liver Test Questionnaire' will help you find out whether you are subject to an increased risk of developing liver disease. You can also receive advice by e-mail at: [info@deutsche-leberstiftung.de](mailto:info@deutsche-leberstiftung.de).

'Das Leber-Buch' (in German), published by the German Liver Foundation, provides a comprehensive and easy-to-understand guide to the function of the liver, possible diseases and treatments.

### Telephone consultations

During these hours, our experts can answer all questions relating to liver disease (in German). Our phone lines are open from Monday to Thursday from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm, call 01805 – 45 00 60 (€ 0.14/min. from German landlines, max. € 0.42/min. from mobile phones).