

The German ADHD-net

The German ADHD-net (www.zentrales-adhs-netz.de) is currently built up on behalf of the German Ministry of Health. General aim of the network is the support of a broad health management for patients of all ages suffering from ADHD. The primary focus lies thereby on the improvement of the general conditions of health care for children, adolescents and adults with ADHD and further on the promotion of the national and international interdisciplinary cooperation. The net addresses patients and their relatives as well as professionals.

Aims

The German ADHD-net sets itself therefore the following concrete goals:

1. The provision of **information**
 - a. for experts, patients and their relatives by Internet-based information systems
 - b. for the public by statements and publicationsand information networking by cooperation with specialist associations and self-help organizations.
2. The **support**
 - a. of regional and interdisciplinary networks for ADHD
 - b. of further education and training in cooperation with training centres
 - c. of research in cooperation with research facilities
3. The **advice**
 - a. of the German Ministry of Health
 - b. of other political decision-makers and associations

Bodies

The German ADHD-net is composed of the steering group, the interdisciplinary advisory board (agents of specialist and professional associations, who evaluate the work of the German ADHD-net), the advisory board of regional networks (agents of regionally working supply networks for ADHD, who formulate the needs of the regional networks), four working groups (composed of experts for specific topics, who work out statements and comments on ADHD) and the coordination.

Figures and Facts

The website of the German ADHD-net (www.zentrales-adhs-netz.de) counted 26 859 visitors until February 2008. At that point about 555 experts and 85 persons affected had registered for the newsletter. The interdisciplinary advisory board had 24 members. 43 Organisations had been contacted until February 2008. The advisory board of regional networks had 52 members. 77 regional networks had been contacted by then.

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