

German Research Network on Depression and Suicidality

The German Research Network on Depression and Suicidality is one of currently 17 Research Networks in Medicine funded by the German Ministry for Research and Education. In order to address the multiple deficits with regard to diagnosis, treatment and research in the field of depressive disorders, the Research Network connects 15 German research centres and university hospitals as well as the most important institutions in the German health care system (e.g. health insurance funds and associations of consultant practitioners).

In co-operation with those network partners six main projects are realized. Each project consists of several subprojects. Research activities undertaken range from implementation and evaluation of suicide preventive measures over investigation of optimized treatment possibilities of minor and subthreshold depression in primary care settings to molecular genetic aspects of depressive disorders. The German government supported the Network with more than 13 million Euros over the first five years from 1999 to 2004. The last period of funding lasts from 2005 probably until 2008. The Network will be supported within this time by 500.000 Euros every year. For further information, please refer www.kometenznetz-depression.de