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Organization of Primary Care in Germany

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Primary Care in Germany

450.000 physicians in Germany

343.000 active clinicians

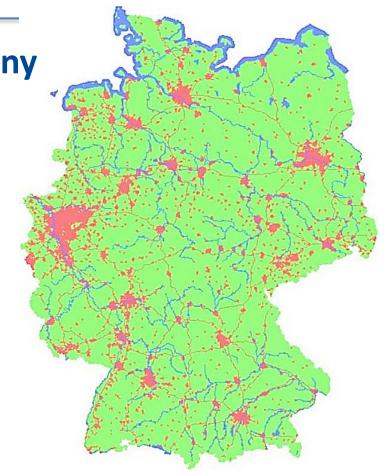
57.000 GPs

170.000 in hospital

143.000 in ambulatory care

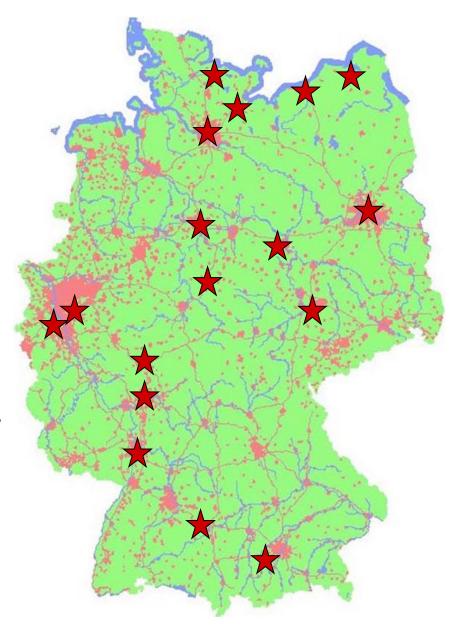
9.600 public bodies

19.800 others



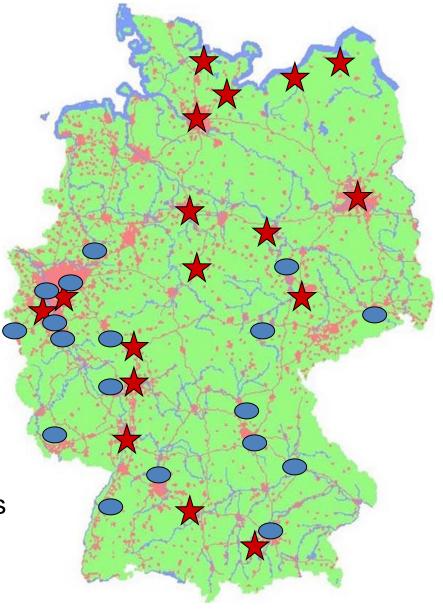
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- 50% full time GPs act as lecturers without sufficient infrastructure
 - → Boosted by teaching requirements
 - →GP now core discipline
 - → Understaffed





German College of General Practitioners and Family Physicians (DEGAM)

- 6000 members (> 10% of all German GPs)
- Guideline Committee: n=79
- Number of primary care guidelines: 40
- Number of interdisciplinary guidelines with DEGAM-participation: 30
- DEGAM ≠ German Association of GPs (n>30000) (representation of political interests)



Cardiovascular diseases in Primary Care in Germany

- General Practice guidelines on HF, cardiovascular prevention, chest pain, CHD
- DMPs: Diabetes, CHD/HF, Asthma/COPD
- ARRIBA CVD risk calculator for GPs (shared decision making)
- Marburg Heart Score
- DEXIMED

German cardiologists: adaptation of ESC guidelines