



The **Deutsche Dermatologische Gesellschaft** (German Dermatologic Society) (DDG) is the scientific specialty society for German-speaking dermatologists. The DDG was officially founded in 1889 in Prague after an organizational meeting had been held in Cologne in 1888. The DDG today has its headquarters in the center of Berlin, at Robert-Koch-Platz 7, in the building of the Kaiserin-Friedrich-Stiftung. This impressive building is the oldest in Germany devoted to continuing medical education. The goals of the DDG are the advancement of scientific and clinical dermatology, venereology and allergology; as well as the subspecialty disciplines of andro-

logy, phlebology, proctology, dermatologic-oncology, dermatologic radiation therapy, dermatologic microbiology, occupational and environmental dermatology, and preventive dermatology/rehabilitation. Dermatology is an organ-based specialty offering both conservative and operative treatment for patients of all ages. Dermatologic therapy is scientifically-based, patient-driven and often interdisciplinary. In addition to classical operative dermatology or cutaneous surgery, another related area of expertise is aesthetic-corrective medicine including plastic surgery procedures of skin.



Head portal

Working Groups

The DDG supports and cooperates with many working groups, working circles, and task forces which concern themselves with research, teaching, and practice in the many subspecialty disciplines. The largest are devoted to

Dermatologic Research
[Arbeitsgemeinschaft Dermatologische Forschung (ADF)]

Dermatologic Oncology
[Arbeitsgemeinschaft Dermatologische Onkologie (ADO)]

Preventive Dermatology
[Arbeitsgemeinschaft Dermatologische Prävention (ADP)]

Occupational and Environmental Dermatology
[Arbeitsgemeinschaft Berufs- u. Umweltdermatologie (ABD)]

Dermatopathology
[Arbeitsgemeinschaft Dermatologische Histologie (ADH)]

Congresses

The DDG holds a major meeting every two years with a scientific and clinical program lasting for four days and aimed at both dermatologists from German-speaking countries and specialists from around the world. Around 2,500 dermatologists typically participate in the DDG meeting.



Gallery room

Specialty Representation

German Dermatological Academy

The DDG advises German and international regulatory agencies, public and private organizations, medical and scientific societies, institutes, universities, clinics and individuals on scientific and clinical dermatologic issues. The DDG is a member of the International League of Dermatologic Societies (ILDS) which is the worldwide umbrella organization for all scientific dermatologic societies. The DDG is also represented in the organizational structures of the European Academy of Dermatology und Venereology (EADV), the European Dermatology Forum (EDF), the European Society for Dermatological Research (ESDR) and the Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes (UEMS).

The Deutsche Dermatologische Akademie (German Dermatologic Academy) (DDA) was formed in 1999 as a shared daughter organization of the DDG and BVDD (see below). The DDA is responsible for certifying the continuing medical education activities of national, regional and local dermatologic meetings. It works together with the state medical societies in Germany and with the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME).

Board meeting



Specialty Medical Journal and Website

The *Journal der Deutschen Dermatologischen Gesellschaft* (JDDG) is owned by the DDG together with Blackwell Publishing and is the official journal of the German Society of Dermatology and of the Austrian Society of Dermatology (Österreichische Gesellschaft für Dermatologie und Venerologie/ÖGDV). The JDDG is available in a printed version in German, as well as on-line in English (www.jddg.de). In addition, the DDG publishes *Derma News & Views*, a quarterly press information letter, and has an active web site (www.derma.de).

Prizes and Awards

The DDG regularly honors prominent individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the broad field of dermatology by awarding special prizes:

- Karl-Herxheimer Medal
- Schaudinn-Hoffmann Medal
- Unna Medal
- Braun-Falco Medal



CME Commission

The CME Commission of the DDG, which involves also representatives of the BVDD, both reviews and strives to improve dermatologic CME opportunities and works with state and national regulatory agencies and medical bodies in this function.

Medical Politics

Although the DDG's primary mission is scientific and educational, it works in close cooperation with other societies and institutions to address the multitude of medical-political issues facing our specialty today. The DDG represents both hospital- and office-based dermatologists, as well as dermatologists in training and in governmental institutions.

Seminar room

