

# Welcome to the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Heidelberg University Hospital



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We treat approximately **5,500** inpatients and **17,000** outpatients each year in our Department of Gastroenterology (diseases of the digestive tract) and Hepatology (liver diseases). **The department occupies a top position in Germany in clinical performance and efficiency.**

We have more than 60 beds in intensive, intermediate, and regular care units so that we can provide optimal care for our patients, who **stay in the hospital for an average of six days**. The specialized gastroenterological intensive care unit is a unique feature of our department. Here our cancer patients are competently cared for by our specially trained nursing staff and our physicians following complex surgical and endoscopic procedures.

For more than 40 years, we have taken an interdisciplinary approach to treating cancer patients at Heidelberg University Hospital. Treatment plans are developed by gastroenterologists in close cooperation with experts from the Departments of Surgery and Radiology. Gastroenterological tumors are treated in our department on an inpatient or outpatient basis, or at the oncology day clinic in cooperation with the National Center for Tumor Diseases.

We have a wide spectrum of endoscopic examination methods available in order to provide a quick and accurate diagnosis and also, where possible, to administer therapy, including a complete range of modern diagnostic measures such as chromoendoscopy, mucosectomy, endosonography, enteroscopy, and many others.

We are a center for liver diseases of any kind. In particular metabolic liver diseases, infectious and autoimmune hepatitis, non-alcoholic steatohepatitis, cholestatic liver diseases and cirrhosis with its complications, including liver cancers are treated on an outpatient and inpatient basis.

International Office: Tumors of the Gastrointestinal Tract ([www.heidelberg-university-hospital.com](http://www.heidelberg-university-hospital.com))

Another focus are diseases of esophagus, stomach and intestine, in particular chronic inflammatory bowel diseases. In addition functional disturbances of the gastrointestinal tract belong to our spectrum.

Our intensive research program allows us to offer to many of our patients an excellent treatment within the framework of national and international clinical studies, in addition to the standard therapy.

We wish you a pleasant stay and a speedy recovery!

With best regards

Yours

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