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The German Study Center is a competent partner

- Consulting of the Steering Committee regarding the selection of clinical studies and support by preparing, coordinating, and implementing the selected studies.
- Contact partner for physicians in medical offices and hospitals
- Consulting of investigators before initiating studies
  - Elaboration of cost and financing estimates
  - Statistical, regulatory, and organizational consultation
- Support of the review process
- Support in the context of external funding
- Central and decentralized support of the investigators
  - Regarding the recruitment of trial sites
  - Regarding national and international study cooperations
  - Regarding applications to regulatory agencies and ethical committees
  - Regarding negotiations and elaboration of contracts and agreements with industrial partners
  - Regarding the registration of the studies
- Contact partner for patient representatives and self-aid groups regarding the inclusion in studies
- Implementation and maintenance of an ENT specific trial register
- Public relations work

By closely associating the DSZ-HNO to the Clinical Trial Unit of the University Medical Center Freiburg, the already existing interdisciplinary expertise is beneficially used.

**ENT Studies become visible**

The ENT Study Center closely cooperates with the German Clinical Trials Register, which is the national study register for Germany in the platform of WHO accredited registers (www.who.int/ictrp).

Hence, every ENT-specific study registered in the German Register of Clinical Studies (www.drks.de) is also visible on an international scale. Through registration in the German Register by the principal investigator, the study is automatically labeled as an ENT study.

In the future, every study performed in Germany in the discipline of otorhinolaryngology can be displayed prominently on the websites of the German Society of Otorhinolaryngology (www.hno.org) and the Professional Association of German Otolaryngologists (www.hno-aerzte.de). In this way, specialists, patients and all other people in healthcare services as well as the general public may be informed.

A prospective registration in this WHO register fulfills the criteria of publication of a study in biomedical journals issued by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE).