

Hochschule Bielefeld University of Applied Sciences and Arts

GOING TO THE DOCTOR IN GERMANY Bielefeld Campus



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1. INTRODUCTION

Dear Readers,

In case of illness, this guide will help you find the right doctor as quickly as possible. The following pages explain the **process of visiting a doctor** in Germany, and contain a **list of different types of medical clinics** near the HSBI campus or the city center.

Moreover, we understand that if you are new to Germany or don't yet speak enough German, it can be difficult to communicate at the clinic. Therefore, we prioritized clinics where you can communicate in **other languages** in addition to German on our list.

This list of clinics is only a selection and is by no means comprehensive. For an overview of all medical clinics in Bielefeld, please refer to this website: https://www.kvwl.de/arztsuche.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to email us at welcome@hsbi.de.

Warmest regards and wishing you all the best for your health, Your HSBI Welcome Center

2. EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police – 110

Ambulance – 112

Fire - 112

On-call medical services – 116-117

3. FAQ GOING TO THE DOCTOR

Who do I contact if I'm having health problems?

Your first point of contact regarding health problems would be a **family doctor**. Family doctors are general practitioners, therefore they can help with many types of illnesses.

If you require more specialized help, the family doctor will refer you to a specialist physician, who specializes in one area of medicine, such as dentistry, gynecology, or pediary. The referral will be given to you as a paper document, which you will then need to bring to the specialist physician. You can also directly book an appointment at the specialist clinic, but often with a much longer wait time.

Some clinics only admit people with private health insurance. The list of clinics starting on page 7 includes both family doctors and specialist physicians, and all of them take patients with either public or private health insurance.

What do I need to know for my appointment?

You can book an appointment at most medical clinics in Germany by calling in, but some clinics also allow you to book appointments through their website. If you want to talk to your doctor in a language other than German, it would be best to inform the clinic ahead of time, such as when you book the appointment.

Please be **on time** for your appointment. Your appointment may be cancelled if you show up too late, and you would then have to book a new appointment. If you can no longer make it to an appointment, please **cancel** the appointment ahead of time either through their website or calling the clinic.

What should I do if I need to see a doctor in the evenings or on the weekends?

Medical clinics are only open during the daytime on weekdays (Monday to Friday). If you need a doctor in the evenings or over the weekend, please call the on-call medical service number 116 117. The agent will then tell you which clinics are still open. Alternatively, you can go directly to an emergency room (please see page 7).

What should I do in case of an emergency?

In case of an emergency, go to the emergency room in a **hospital**. If your problem is not urgent, you can go to the family doctor as soon as the clinic reopens.

However, if your health issue requires immediate medical attention, call the number 112 for an **ambulance**. You will need to answer questions about who you are, where you are and what your medical emergency is on the phone.

What do I need to bring to a doctor's appointment?

If you have **public health insurance**: bring your health insurance card to each doctor's visit and each hospital stay, and show the card at the reception.

If you have **private health insurance**: bring your health insurance card, if available, or other forms of proof of your insurance status with you. You will receive an invoice after the appointment. You have to first pay the invoice in full yourself. After you send the invoice to your insurance provider, they will then reimburse you the cost in full or in part, depending on your insurance contract.

Apart from proof of your health insurance, you may also need to bring the following documents:

- An overview of your medication history
- Record of your previous medical history
- Your vaccination record
- Your allergy record
- X-ray scans

What happens when I visit the doctor?

When you go to the clinic or hospital for the first time, you may need to fill out a **medical survey** and a **data protection declaration** (to give the clinic permission to share your personal data with third party companies that administer the public health insurance). You will then be called to a treatment room, where you will be asked why you came to the clinic and if necessary, be further examined.

You can, and should talk openly with your doctor about all of your health issues, so they can reach an accurate diagnosis and actually help you. All doctors in Germany are bound to maintain **patient confidentiality.** They are not allowed to talk to anyone about you or your illnesses.

The doctor will prescribe you **medicine** when necessary. In that case, you will receive a prescription, with which you can pick up the medicine from a pharmacy. Ask your doctor how you should take the medicine, and if you are taking other medicine at the same time, make sure to also discuss that with your doctor.

Where can I get medicine?

You can get medicine at a **pharmacy**. You need to give the pharmacist the prescription your doctor gave you, and then you will receive the specified drugs there.



If you have **public health insurance**: in most cases you will only need to pay €5 yourself for each prescription.

If you have **private health insurance**: You will need to first pay for all the medicine yourself, and then submit the invoice to your insurance provider. Your insurance provider will then reimburse you in part or in full, depending on the insurance contract.

If you have any **questions about the medicines or how to take them**, please talk to your pharmacist. There are also a few types of medicines that you can pick up without a prescription. Describe your problems to the pharmacist, and they will be able to further assist you.

4. A LIST OF CLINICS IN BIELEFELD

4.1 Emergency rooms

Städtisches Klinikum

Teutoburger Str. 50, 33604 Bielefeld ☐ https://www.klinikumbielefeld.de/hilfe-beinotfaellen-2.html Open hours:

Mon, Tue, Thu: 7-10pm Mon, Fri: 3-10pm

Sat, Sun, Statutory holidays: 9am-10pm

Pediatric Emergency Room in Kinderzentrum Bethel

Burgsteig 13, 33617 Bielefeld +49 521 772 77994 Open hours:

Mon, Tue, Thu: 7-10pm Mon, Fri: 4-10pm

Sat, Sun, Statutory holidays: 9am-10pm

4.2 Family Doctors

Dr. Johannes Bach

33602 Bielefeld, Bahnhofstr. 9 **☎** +49 521 96308814 ⊠ jbach653@gmail.com Languages: English, French, Modern Greek Special services: Asthma / COPD, Diabetes Type II, skin cancer screening, CHD (coronary heart disease)

Hausärzte Zimmerstraße

33602 Bielefeld, Zimmerstr. 8

2 +49 521 60334

☑ info@hausaerzte-zimmerstrasse.de☑ http://www.hausaerzte-zimmerstrasse.de

Languages: English, Italian, Danish, Swahili Special services: Digital Medication Therapy Management, Asthma / COPD, Diabetes Type I & II, CHD

Praxis Saydo

33602 Bielefeld, Friedrich-Ebert-Str. 15

***** +49 521 77255715

⊠ saeedsaydo@gmail.com

■ http://www.praxis-saydo.de

Languages: Arabic, English, Kurdish Special services: Asthma / COPD, Diabetes Type I & II, skin cancer screening, CHD

Praxis Munteanu und Mirescu

33602 Bielefeld, Brunnenstr. 2

***** +49 521 65366

Languages: English, French, Luxembourgish, Romanian

Dr. med. Yan Tang

33602 Bielefeld, Nikolaus-Dürkopp-Str. 12

***** +49 521 63383

Languages: Chinese, English

Special services: Asthma / COPD, Diabetes

Type II, skin cancer screening, CHD

Praxis Dr. med. Katrin Kopatschek

33615 Bielefeld, Friedrichstr. 24

≅+49 521 5212129

⊠ drkatrinkopatschek@bitel.net

□ http://www.praxis-kopatschek.de

Languages: Arabic, English, French, Dutch,

Russian, Spanish

Special services: Asthma / COPD, Diabetes

Type II, skin cancer screening, CHD

Dr. (YU) Olivera Lindemann

33604 Bielefeld, Oelmühlenstr. 30

***** +49 521 986888

⊠ dr-olivera-lindeman@telemed.de

Language: Serbo-croatian

Special services: Asthma / COPD, Diabetes

Type II, CHD

Praxis Dr. med. Jörg Eikmeier

33619 Bielefeld, Kreuzberger Str. 17

***** +49 521 100048

⊠ gpl-bi@t-online.de

Languages: English, French, Spanish Special services: Asthma / COPD, Diabetes Type II, skin cancer screening, CHD

4.3 Ophthalmologists (eye doctors)

Praxis Dres. med. Jedras und Kollegen

33613 Bielefeld, Voltmannstr. 158

***** +49 521 892 428

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rothenfelde.de

 □ https://augenzentrum-badrothenfelde.de/praxis/bielefeld/ Languages: Arabic, English

Praxis Dres. med. Planert und Kollegen

33602 Bielefeld, Jahnplatz 6

***** +49 521 177355

☑ info@augenzentrum-bielefeld.de

Languages: English, French

Praxis Dres. med. Hoene und Kollegen

33647 Bielefeld, Mackebenstr. 8

***** +49 521 441716

⊠ info@augenaerzte-bielefeld.de

Languages: English, Spanish

4.4 Surgery

Praxis Dres. med. Gärtner und Wübbeke

33602 Bielefeld, Welle 10

***** +49 521 32933110

☑ praxis@gefaessmedizin-cruewellhaus.de

□ http://www.gefaessmedizin-

cruewellhaus.de

Languages: English, Russian

4.5 Gynecologists / obstetrics

Dr. Sylvia Bender

33602 Bielefeld, Bahnhofstr. 1

***** +49 521 61396

Languages: English, French, Italian, Russian

Special services: breast cancer

Praxis Dres. med. Worms, Rinkenberger u. Dietrich

33602 Bielefeld, Am Bach 20

***** +49 521 5251234

⊠ <u>frauenaerztinnen@arcor.de</u>

□ http://www.diefrauenaerztinnen.de

Languages: English, French, Spanish Special services: breast cancer,

providing a second opinion on hysterectomy

4.6 Ear, nose and throat doctors

Dr. med. Ulrich Brinkkötter

33619 Bielefeld, Werther Str. 266-268

***** +49 521 964020

Languages: English, French

Praxis Dres. med. Kuschel und Bartsch

33602 Bielefeld, Am Bahnhof 6

***** +49 521 61598

■ http://www.hnobielefeld.de

Languages: Danish, English, French, Italian, Russian, Czech

4.7 Dermatology

Dr. Paul Malcher

33602 Bielefeld, Bahnhofstr. 42

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Languages: English, Polish, Russian, Spanish

Praxis Dres. med. Ute und Arne Becker

33602 Bielefeld, Niedernstr. 14

***** +49 521 68731

⊠ a.becker@dermatologie-

niedernstrasse.de

Languages: English, French

4.8 Pediatry

Dr. med. Manfred Fasse

33619 Bielefeld, Werther Str. 266

***** +49 521 101036

☐ praxis@kinderheilkunde-bielefeld.de

http://www.kinderheilkunde-bielefeld.de

Languages: English, French, Dutch, Spanish

Special services: Asthma / COPD

Praxis Dres. med. Gleichauf und Kollegen

33617 Bielefeld, Deckertstr. 53

***** +49(521)145050

⊠ info@paediatrischesforum.de

□ http://www.paediatrischesforum.de

Languages: English, French Special services: Asthma / COPD

4.9 Mouth, jaw and face surgery

Praxis Dres. med. Meyer-Johann und Zöllner

33615 Bielefeld, Crüwellstr. 15

2 +49 521 60444

Languages: English, French, Spanish

Praxis Dres. med. Zerfowski und Westendorff

33602 Bielefeld, Gadderbaumer Str. 14

***** +49 521 98877990

⊠ info@mkg-owl.de

□ http://www.mkg-owl.de

Languages: English, French, Japanese, Dutch, Spanish

4.10 Orthopedics

Praxis Dres. med. Härdrich und Kollegen

33615 Bielefeld, Kurt Schumacher Str. 17

***** +49 521 101011

b.dick@ogab.de,m.markworth@ogab.de

■ http://www.ogab.de

Languages: English, French

Dutch, Russian

Dr. Sahin Inci

33602 Bielefeld, Wilhelmstr, 1 b

***** +49 521 7702780

⊠ s.inci@orthopaedie-am-jahnplatz.de

□ http://www.orthopaedie-am-jahnplatz.de

Languages: English, Turkish

Dr. med. Ulf Wintzer

33602 Bielefeld, Welle 15

***** +49 521 5604880

Languages: English, Spanish

4.11 Psychology

HSBI employees can receive timely and confidential psychosocial counselling here

Karl - Wilhelm Klingenberg

***** +49 521 176611

□ +49 179 6982525

⊠ info@klingenberg-net.de

☐ https://www.hsbi.de/prwiss/psychosoziale-

beratung

4.12 Urology

Praxis Dr. med. Martin Betge

33602 Bielefeld, Alter Markt 2

***** +49 521 62308

⊠ info@docbetge.de

Languages: English, French, Polish

4.13 Dentistry

Dr. Thiesbrummel und Kollegen

Oelmühlenstraße 52, 33604 Bielefeld

***** +49 521 297980

☑ info@zahnarzt-thiesbrummel.de

□ https://www.zahnarzt-thiesbrummel.de/

Languages: Arabic, English, Russian, Turkish

Praxisgemeinschaft Thanos / Dr. med. dent. Lücking

Voltmannstraße 157, 33613 Bielefeld

***** +49 521 55770030

⊠ info@zahn-seele.com

■ https://www.zahn-seele.de/

Languages: English, Modern Greek, Russian,

Turkish