Regulation, registration and licensure in Germany

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Epidemiological data about Germany population in Germany

**Entwicklung der Bevölkerungszahl in Deutschland**
Ab 2006 Ergebnisse der 11. koordinierten Bevölkerungsvorausberechnung

Millionen

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Obergrenze der „mittleren“ Bevölkerung
Untergrenze der „mittleren“ Bevölkerung

Datenquelle: Statistisches Bundesamt, 11. koordinierte Bevölkerungsvorausberechnung,
Physicians in Germany 2012


Summe berufstätige Ärztinnen und Ärzte 348.695

Ärztinnen und Ärzte ohne Gebietsbezeichnung 102.468

- Innere Medizin: 46.995
- Allgemeinmedizin: 43.304
- Anästhesiologie: 20.836
- Chirurgie: 20.066
- Frauenheilk. u. Geburtsh.: 17.147
- Kinder- u. Jugendmedizin: 13.179
- Orthopädie u. Unfallchirurg.: 12.840
- Psychiatrie u. Psychotherap.: 9.485
- Radiologie: 7.379
- Augenheilkunde: 6.980
- Hals-Nasen-Ohrenheilkunde: 5.922
- Haut- u. Geschlechtskrankh.: 5.519
- Urologie: 5.388

Quelle: Statistik der BÄK
Osteopathic Physician in Europe (EROP definition)

- A fully licensed medical doctor with or without specialisation in medicine.
- Additional postgraduate academic and professional training in OM with a diploma graduation.
- Acquisition of diagnostic and therapeutic skills for OM requires an educational training program of at least 700 hours within a minimum time of 4 years.
- The educational standard in OM requires knowledge and skills in all three osteopathic areas, the parietal, the visceral and the cranio-sacral system.
- The osteopathic physician completes and broadens the standard medicine in the context of an integrated patient care. He emphasizes both an evidence informed and person centred medicine.
Osteopathic physician in Germany

University admission test

Medical study
6 years fulltime +1, 8500 hours

Medical specialization
5 -6 years
12.00 hours

Manual medicine
320 hours, part-time 2 years
Diploma manual medicine
General medical council

Osteopathic medicine
400 hours, part-time
Diploma Osteopathic medicine
Medical osteopathic societies

Osteopathic techniques
160 hours, part-time
General medical council
Osteopathy and German laws

- Several German courts - last time in 2008 - fixed that Osteopathy is **healing art**, which can only be done by **physicians or healing practitioners**. So no other professions are allowed to work in this area.
- The regulatory statutes for physicians are made by the health ministry of Germany.
- Most details of regulation are delegated to the German medical council (GMC) which is a governmental-like body and independent.
- All Physicians have to be a member of the GMC.
The General Medical Council and Osteopathy, Report from 2009

• There is enough evidence to demonstrate that Osteopathy is scientific based and use full for the patients

• Scientific evidence exists only for the “parietal” techniques but not for visceral or cranio-sacral approaches

• ON the other hand visceral and cranio-sacral concepts seem to have effects. More research is needed to verify this.

• Osteopathy by its nature is a healing art
The General Medical Council and Osteopathy, Report from 2009

- Osteopathy is a broadening of the manual medicine which already exists in Germany
- Osteopathy has to be done by physicians with an adequate training
- Scientific medical osteopathic societies have to regulate this training themselves
- Osteopathic techniques can be delegated to physiotherapists which have adequate training in these techniques
Osteopathic medicine versus Osteopathic techniques

Physician with specialization
Manual Medicine - 320 hours
scientific, technical approach
part of mainstream medicine

Osteopathic medicine
400 hours, part-time
Own health care concept
Part of integrated health care
Diploma Osteopathic medicine

Osteopathic techniques
160 hours, part-time
additional osteopathic techniques
part of mainstream medicine
General medical council
Osteopathic medicine as a new medical specialization

- In 2013 three German Osteopathic physician organizations requested at the General medical council, that Osteopathic medicine should be regulated as a new independent specialization.
- The time of training should be 4 years part time and 1 year fulltime with a specific osteopathic curriculum.
- Osteopathic medicine is an independent health care approach which is part of complementary medicine and part of integrated health care for patients.
## EROP Questionaire 2012
### German groups

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Regulation and licensure

Osteopathic physician
- Fully licensed physician
- Diploma of Osteopathic society
- and EROP Diploma

CME
- Every two years
- 66 U.E. retraining

EROP Diploma renewed

Diploma
- Osteopathic physician society renewed

CME
- Medical specialization
  - 200 U.E. in 5 years
Osteopathic physicians and Osteopaths in Germany

- In September 2013 four German Osteopathic physicians organizations formed an new umbrella with name BDOÄ
- BDOÄ has good cooperation with VOD and other Osteopaths umbreallas
- Osteopaths should have an academic level, which is minimum a bachelor, better a master level for safe patient health care
- In 2013 Osteopaths are just starting with academic programs
- Both professions Osteopathic physicians and academic Osteopaths should cooperate
Physiotherapists- Osteopaths in Germany

Physiotherapists: 136,000

- 2012 Hospitals: 17,500
- 2012 Rehab: 10,300
- 2012 In private offices: 102,200
- 2013 Osteopaths: About 5,000
Future of Osteopaths in Germany

2013
All physiotherapists
in Germany
136,000

- Osteopaths: 5,000
- 70% working in private office
- 3% academic
- 100% providing OMT

2020
Osteopaths:
7,000

- Bachelor of science in Osteopathy: 3,000
- Research programs
- Master of science in Osteopathy: 2,000
Future of Osteopathic physicians in Germany

2013
All Physicians in Germany
350,000
- Osteopathic physicians: 2,200
- 70% working in Complementary medicine
- 80% private office
- 100% providing OMT

2020
Osteopathic physicians: 3,500
- Master of science in Osteopathy: 500
- Research programs
- Medical specialization in Osteopathy
- Integrated health care
Health insurances and Osteopathy

- Additional private insurance 22 Mio
- 92 public insurances refund 60€/OMT session
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- 80% full service
- 20% reduced service
- 80% full service
- 20% reduced service
- Public Insurance 73 M members
- Private Insurance 9 M members
- Overall 134 public insurances
- Overall 43 private insurances
- Full refund for Osteopathy
Future of Osteopathy in Germany

There is no way to reach the moon without leaving the earth.

Thank you very much for your patience, audience!