



Deutsche
Kontinenz Gesellschaft

About us

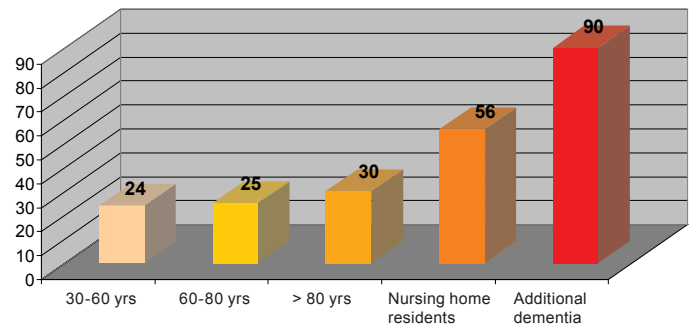
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Formation

The German Continence Society („Deutsche Kontinenz Gesellschaft e.V.“) was initially founded as the „Gesellschaft für Inkontinenzhilfe e.V.“ on November 18, 1987. It is a non-profit association with the aim of breaking the taboo commonly associated with urinary and fecal incontinence.

Alone in Germany are 5 million men and women suffering from incontinence symptoms – a number constantly rising due to the aging population.

Prevalence of urinary incontinence (in percent)



(Hampel et.al. Urology 50, 1997)

Aims

The German Continence Society has the aim of promoting measures for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and management of urinary and of fecal incontinence.

A variety of public relations measures are designed to provide advice for affected persons and their relations. Another aim is the promotion and coordination of research and practical interdisciplinary treatment of those illnesses.

Urinary and fecal incontinence should no longer be a taboo!

Tasks

We are a medical, research-oriented society focussing on competent postgraduate training for doctors and patient counselling regarding all aspects of urinary and fecal incontinence.

Breaking the Incontinence Taboo

- Public relation in all media
- Getting information through to those affected by distributing brochures on urinary and fecal incontinence
- Patient-targeted information events
- Improvement of treatment and counselling through certification of medical information centres (currently 390) and continence centres (currently 22)
- Support for the foundation of self-help groups in Germany (currently 45)
- Organisation of regional certified advanced training for doctors, nursing staff and physiotherapists
- Organisation of the annual national congress of the German Continence Society
- Participation in the major European specialist congresses and trade fairs

Who carries out our tasks ?

The interdisciplinary executive committee

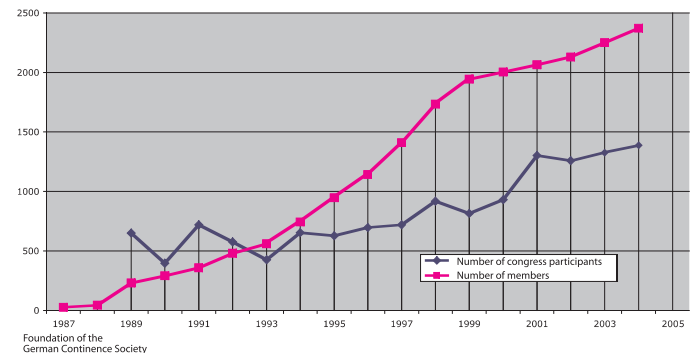
As a non-profit organisation all members of the executive committee are working on a honorary basis. The executive board consist of representatives of various disciplines involved in the diagnostics, treatment, and/or care of incontinent patients: i. e. urologists, gynaecologists, geriatric specialists, neurologists, surgeons, general practitioners, nursing staff, pharmacists, physiotherapists and representatives of self-help groups.

Who supports these tasks ?

The members

Members of the German Continence Society are mainly doctors, nursing staff, pharmacists, physiotherapists, affected patients and pharmaceutical companies.

Membership numbers



Status February 2004:

2,400 members – of these 1,000 are affected patients

Who else provides material and non-material support?

The “Circle of sponsors” (Förderkreis)

A number of companies with special experience in incontinence-related problems have combined to form a circle of sponsors and premium sponsors to support the goals of the German Continence Society.

The company's main aim is to support the German Incontinence Society's goal. But they provide valuable support for self-help groups and affected patients through distribution of own brochures on relevant products, via their websites, info hotlines and free product samples.

Who assists in performing the tasks?

The advisory committee

The advisory committee consists of 17 different specialist societies and professional associations.

Who else has promoted the work and the goals of the Society?

Our Honorary Members

Honorary Memberships are awarded by the German Continence Society to members who particularly deserve this membership on account of their lasting effort to improve diagnostics or treatment of incontinence or their personal efforts on behalf of the Society itself.

Where can affected persons turn for advice and help?

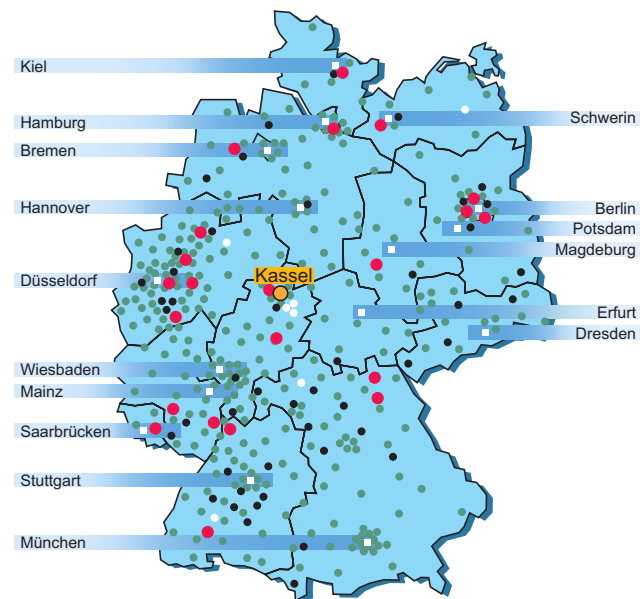
■ Self-help groups

Self-help groups for patients affected by incontinence have been formed in 45 locations in Germany so far. These self-help groups are associated with the German Continence Society and meet once a month. Participation in these meetings is open to the public without any appointment.

■ Certified information centres and Continence Centres

■ Rehabilitation centres co-operating with the Society

All contact centres at a glance!



- Foundation of the Society in 1987
- Continence self-help groups (45)
- Information centres (over 390)
- Continence centres (22)
- Cooperating rehabilitation centres (7)

What does the Society provide for you

Our Hotline: (++49) (0) 1805-233440 (12 ct./min. for inland calls)
Trained advisors give advice and information on incontinence. Call us!

Our website: www.kontinenz-gesellschaft.de

Here you will find comprehensive information on incontinence, events for doctors and patients, the annual congress, membership conditions, contact data, literature information, videos and more.
Come and visit our website!

Our brochures on incontinence

Brochures on different types of urinary and fecal incontinence can be ordered via the hotline, via internet and from the central office of the German Continence Society in Kassel, Germany.

Our journal – “kontinenz aktuell”

“kontinenz aktuell” is issued 4 times a year, members receive the journal by mail and free of charge. It contains useful information and continuous updates around incontinence as well as product news, membership info etc.

Our books

Every year we issue a collection of presentations held at the Annual Congress as well as abstracts from the annual “Bamberger Gespräche”. In addition, a general review was published in 2003: “Incontinence and other micturition disfunctions”.
Order via the internet or directly at the central office.

Our Annual Congress

The Society organises an annual national congress in different places that offers seminars for doctors, nursing staff, pharmacists, physiotherapists and patients.

Press office

Our Society has a press office which can be contacted by the media.
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Would you like to support us ? Then become a member!

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