



New dialysis-ward opened at the hospital Klinikum Dortmund Nord

Private operator invests 300,000 Euro in an innovative joint venture-project

Dortmund, February 9th 2010 – A new dialysis-ward with eight dialysis stations was officially opened at the hospital Klinikum Dortmund Nord yesterday. For this the hospital cooperated with a private, ambulant provider: The nephrologic joint practice Dres. Schumann and Knevels is operating the private dialysis enterprise Privat Dialyse Klinikum Dortmund gGmbH and invested about 300,000 euros in alterations of the ward and in the ultra-modern technical equipment. Especially serious sick patients benefit from this new facility. They do not have to be brought in anymore for dialysis at the hospital Klinikum Dortmund Mitte.

“For our patients this new dialysis-ward means a considerable quality improvement, they can even resume their dialysis treatment where they have been admitted as in-patients”, explained the managing director of the Klinikum Dortmund, Mechthild Greive, within the course of the opening celebrations on Tuesday. „This quality advantage was only made possible by the joint venture with an ambulant service provider and is a real win-win-situation for all.” Given the scarce investment funds the hospital couldn't have realized the project on its own.

The nephrologically specialized practice Schumann and Knevels is already operating five further dialysis centers in North Rhine-Westphalia. Dr. Karsten Schumann, director of the Privat Dialyse Klinikum Dortmund Nord, said: „The project ensures a better quality of care especially for many seriously sick dialysis patients and shows, how sensible the consolidation of the ambulant with the in-hospital area is.

The private dialysis provides for the hospital's in-patients, private patients can get also ambulant treatment here. 24/7 two to three specifically educated nurses and at least on doctor are available for the dialysis patients. Up to 2,200 dialysis can be performed per year in the future at the location Nord. In the days to come also the dialysis-liable patients of the diabetes centre of the Klinikum Dortmund Nord profit from short distances. “Diabetes and dialysis often go hand in hand. With the new dialysis ward we now can offer the whole range of treatments under one umbrella”, appreciated the medical director of the diabetes center, Dr. Alexander Risse. In Germany the diabetics are the biggest group of patients, who depend on dialysis or even need a new kidney. According to statements by diabetesDE about 20,000 diabetics are currently affected.

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