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## DAHTH - QUALITY IN HAND THERAPY

In 1995, physio- and occupational therapists with specific interest in the study of the hand joined forces with physicians in an attempt to promote research and foster the exchange of practical hand therapy experiences in Germany. Today our non-profit organization is made up of 620 members practicing throughout Germany.

The DAHTH is partnered with the German Association of Hand Surgery (DGH) and the German Association of Plastic Surgery (DGPRÄC). The DAHTH is the only officially recognized representative in the field of hand therapy in Germany. It is a member of both the European and the International Federation for Hand Therapy (EFSHT and IFSHT).

We cooperate with the Societies of Hand Therapy of Switzerland and Austria. We also regularly contribute to congresses and professional publications with our expertise. A good example of the close cooperation of the DAHTH and the German Association of Hand Surgery (DGH) is our annual symposium.

### OUR GOALS

The DAHTH's core objective is to establish the highest standard possible for hand therapy in Germany by providing quality assurance and standardizing procedures.

Together with the hand surgeons of the DGH, our focus is to design and implement evidence-based treatment guidelines. In addition to the possibility of qualifying as a HAND THERAPIST DAHTH, there are many DAHTH regional groups, which provide further training and encourage interdisciplinary exchange of information.

## OUR TRAINING TO BECOME A HAND THERAPIST DAHTH:

DAHTH created a very specific training program that conforms to international standards for rehabilitation of hand dysfunction:

12 instruction modules which cover 450 hours and a final exam provide competence in hand therapy. The extensive training of the Hand Therapist DAHTH ensures the therapist who has completed our training program is able to provide the highest level of hand therapy treatment. Our training is the only one in Germany that is internationally recognized. Additionally, any **partizipant** of our training program gains admission to the European Hand Therapy test (ECHT).



## OUR PROFICIENCY – QUALITY IN HAND THERAPY

The prime goal of the DAHTH is to develop and promote a high quality standard of hand therapy specialists in Germany.

TO ACHIEVE THIS:

- ➔ We host an annual symposium with the German Society for Hand Surgery (DGH).
- ➔ We represent the organization at national and international congresses.
- ➔ We are keen to encourage interdisciplinary exchange of information and experience during the frequent meetings of the DAHTH regional groups.
- ➔ We publish our national Journal of Hand Therapy, which includes informative articles about Hand Therapy and Hand Surgery.
- ➔ We have developed the internationally recognized training to become a **HAND THERAPIST DAHTH**.

DAHTH members receive discounts on training and congress fees and a complimentary copy of the Journal of Hand Therapy. Members also enjoy the opportunity to participate in further training courses of the DAHTH regional groups without additional charge.

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