

About us

The German Federal Association for Throat Cancer Patients (Bundesverband der Kehlkopferierten e.V.) is a self-help organization that unites people who have had part or their entire larynx (voice box) surgically removed or who have received treatment for throat (pharyngeal and laryngeal) cancer.

The association is a not-for-profit association and it exclusively pursues charitable and non-profit-making objectives. Our work is founded on a sense of ecumenical and humanitarian responsibility and we have no political affiliation. All of our funds may only be used for the purposes laid down in our articles of association.

Our association publishes a free monthly journal, of which all members are entitled to receive a copy in accordance with our articles of association. This publication is largely dedicated to articles relating to medical issues and social care, provides information for those with special needs and includes reports from our member organizations.

Our partners

Partners of the German Association for Throat Cancer Patients include:

- Deutsche Krebshilfe e.V. (German Cancer Aid)
- BAG Selbsthilfe e.V. (the Federal Self-Help Association)
- TULPE e.V. (an association providing support and assistance for persons with facial special needs)
- Sozialverband VdK Deutschland (the VdK German Social Alliance—a national social interest group advocating on behalf of the socially disadvantaged)
- Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Krebsbekämpfung Nordrhein-Westfalen (the North Rhine Westphalia Working Group for Combating Cancer)

For more information about the Federal Association for Throat Cancer Patients, please contact our headquarters in Bonn.

You can help too!

Perhaps you would like to become a member?

Annual membership costs just a few euros and we would be happy to send you an application form.

Or maybe you just want to help?

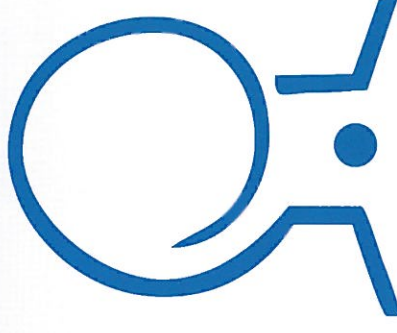
If you'd like to support our efforts on behalf of throat cancer patients, donations to the following account are gratefully accepted:

Account for donations

Märkische Bank eG
Account: 450 600 09
Bank code: 8001 700 400

Bundesverband der Kehlkopferierten e.V.

(Federal Association for Throat Cancer Patients)



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Diagnosis: Pharyngeal/laryngeal cancer

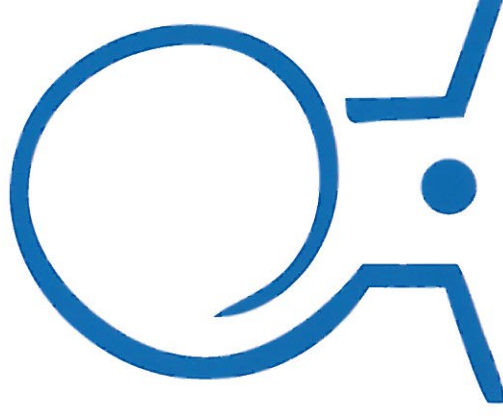
Each year in Germany, approximately 21,000 people develop a tumor in the head and neck region. For approximately 3,500 of these, the diagnosis is "laryngeal cancer".

What now?

Being diagnosed with cancer comes as a huge shock. As well as fearing surgery or radio/chemotherapy, you and your family members may experience feelings of uncertainty and helplessness. You may ask yourself:

- What will life be like after treatment?
- Have I any hope of resuming a normal life following surgery or treatment?
- How will other people, and how will people I know (friends, neighbors, colleagues) react to me?
- What will be the effects on my daily life (work and leisure, eating and drinking etc.)?
- What advice will I need to follow in the future?

Our association lends a hand ...



The Federal Association for Throat Cancer provides a central point of contact for all patients of laryngeal surgery, laryngectomees, other neck breathers and those suffering from throat (laryngeal and pharyngeal) cancer, and for their families.

**We are here for
YOU!**

... and we make ourselves heard!

- We provide advice to patients and put them in touch with their local and regional associations, self-help groups and organizations, as well as with doctors, speech therapists and physiotherapists.
- We organize events and seminars to provide our members with information and with a forum for exchanging their experiences and supporting one another.
- We publish a quarterly journal called "SPRACHROHR" ("The Mouthpiece") and keep our members up to speed with the latest information and developments relating to throat cancer.
- We help patients to apply for severe disability passes and help ensure that they are awarded the disability codes "RF" (to exempt them from paying broadcasting license fees) and "G" (to indicate severely impaired mobility when using public transport) and provide assistance with issues relating to benefits.
- We are actively involved in PR activities to raise public awareness of the needs and concerns of persons with tumors of the head and neck and to sensitize the general population to facilitate greater social integration.
- We engage with legislative bodies and authorities to advocate for the rights of our members and we seek to foster the implementation of measures to improve their situation through active involvement in committees and working groups.
- We collaborate with public, private and scientific organizations with similar objectives to our own at a national and international level.