KKSN

Network of Coordinating Centres
for Clinical Trials

The KKS Network: A Profile

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What is the KKS Network?

KKSN strengthens academic clinical research in Germany and, as the representative body of the KKS/ZKS at national and European level, helps shape the framework conditions for clinical trials, in dialogue with politics, science and industry.

What are KKS/ZKS?

The Coordinating Centres for Clinical Trials (KKS) and Centres for Clinical Trials (ZKS) are research partners at university sites.

Milestones in Contract Design

23.06.2026
Standard contract template for three contracting parties – sponsor, trial centre, CRO

08.12.2025
Standard contract template for clinical trials with medicinal products under the responsibility of a pharmaceutical company, based on the Standard Contractual Clauses Ordinance – StandVKlV

30.10.2023
Model contract clauses for clinical trials with medicinal products under the responsibility of a pharmaceutical company

23.01.2019
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Facts and Figures

- 28 university sites pool the network's expertise
- Around 1.200 experts from the ranks of the member centres
- 1.088 clinical trials substantially supported
- Over 100 registries with more than 130.000 documented patients
- 563 training courses with 15.453 participants

Partners of the KKS Network

As Germany's national partner of ECRIN, KKSN supports researchers in gaining access to Europe-wide services, expertise and research sites for international clinical trials.

The Association Platform – KKSN, vfa, BPI, BVMed, BVMA and DHM

has for many years been working to simplify contract negotiations between academia and industry, and thereby to speed up clinical trials in Germany.