

The Medical Informatics Initiative Strengthening research and advancing healthcare

GOALS

- → The aim of the Medical Informatics Initiative (MII) is to digitally network data from routine care across Germany and make it available for medical research.
- Medical research helps to better recognise and treat diseases and to prevent them as effectively as possible.
- -> The initiative additionally strengthens medical informatics in research, education and skills development.

FUNDING PHASES

The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) is investing a total of more than 400 million euros in the Medical Informatics Initiative through 2026. In addition, the BMBF is funding "Digital Hubs: Advances in Research and Health Care" (2021-2025). These integrate data from regional and outpatient care into the structures of the MII.



CONSORTIA

Within the four funded consortia - DIFUTURE, HiGHmed. MIRACUM and SMITH - all German university hospitals and medical centres at over 30 locations cooperate with non-university clinics, research institutions, businesses, health insurers and patient representatives. Their mission is to create an environment that allows research findings to be used to the direct benefit of patients - while ensuring robust data protection and security.



Locations of the data integration centres of the Medical Informatics Initiative



DIFUTURE

Augsburg

- University Hospital Augsburg
- Technical University of Munich (TUM)/ University Hospital rechts der Isar (MRI)
- Hospital of the Ludwig-Maximilians-University (LMU) Munich

Regensburg

- University Hospital Regensburg (UKR)
- University of Tübingen (EKUT)
- Ulm University Medical Center

HiGHmed

Berlin:

- Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin
- University Medical Center Göttingen
- Hannover Medical School
- Heidelberg University Hospital and the Medical Faculty of Heidelberg
- University Medical Center Schleswig-Holstein (UKSH)

- University Hospital Cologne (UKK) Münster
- University of Münster Würzburg
- University Hospital of Würzburg/ Julius-Maximilians-Universität (JMU)

MIRACUM

- Klinikum Chemnitz

 TU Dresden/University Hospital Dresden

Erlangen:

- Friedrich Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg/University Hospital Erlangen
- Frankfurt am Main:
- Goethe University Frankfurt/Main/ University Hospital Frankfurt

University of Freiburg/Medical Center – University of Freiburg

Justus Liebig University Giessen/ University Hospital Giessen/Marburg Greifswald

Greifswald University Hospital

Magdeburg

- Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg/ University Hospital Magdeburg
- University Medical Center of the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

Medical Faculty Mannheim, Heidelberg University/University Medical Centre

Mannheim

 Philipps-Universität Marburg/ University Hospital Giessen/Marburg

- Uniklinik RWTH Aachen
- University Hospital Bonn
- Essen University Hospital

Halle (Saale)

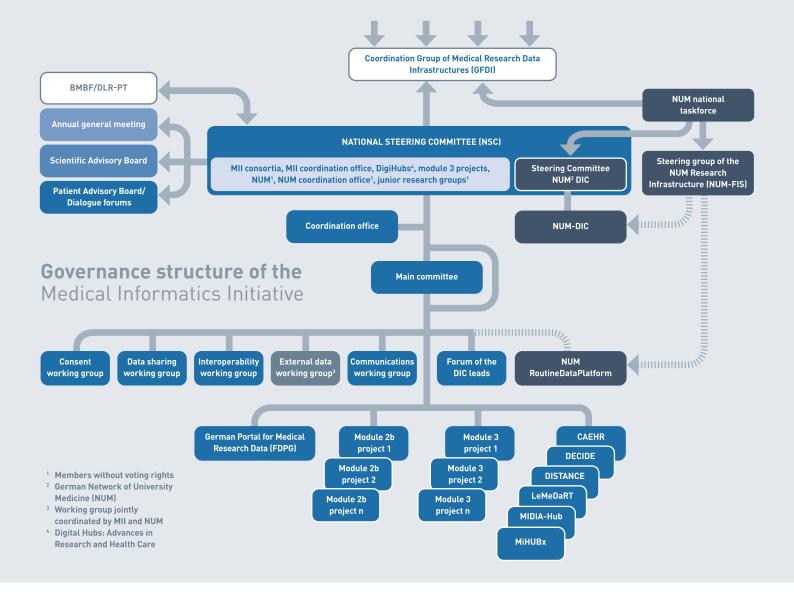
- University Hospital Halle (Saale) Hamburg:
- University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf

University Hospital Jena

Leipzig University Medical Center

Coordination office

★ TMF/MFT/VUD



PROJECT STRUCTURE

- → The consortia meet regularly within the initiative's National Steering Committee (NSC) to coordinate activities and agree key parameters.
- → The NSC is supported by consent, data sharing, interoperability, external data and communication working groups, which develop specialist resources.
- → The main committee coordinates the "Module 3 projects" and the "Digital Hubs".
- → Dialogue forums involve relevant stakeholders in the strategic development of the MII.
- An international Scientific Advisory Board and a Patient Advisory Board provide specialist expertise to help advance the initiative.
- Collaboration between and beyond consortia is the remit of a coordination office operated by TMF (Technology, Methods and Infrastructure for Networked Medical Research) with MFT (German Association of Medical Faculties) and VUD (German Association of Academic Medical Centers).

INITIAL RESULTS

- Template text for patient consent forms (Broad Consent), developed in cooperation with German Federal and State data protection agencies and the Association of Medical Ethics Committees in Germany
- Contractual framework for the use of patient data, biosamples, analytical methods and routines (user agreement and framework participation agreement)
- → Data protection concept
- → Use and access policy
- → German Portal for Medical Research Data (FDPG)
- → Shared core data set in line with international standards
- → Specifications for harmonised metadata
- → Paper summarising key points on interoperability
- → MII roadmap for enhanced research, education and skills development



