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Dear patients, dear colleagues, dear Sir/Madam,

Our Center for Rare Diseases at Uniklinik RWTH Aachen (ZSEA) has been a lifeline for people with rare diseases since 2014, offering high-quality healthcare and nursing for patients struggling with the burden, limitations and symptoms of disease.

The clinical pictures of many rare diseases are complex and little known. This often makes the long, winding pathway to correct diagnosis and treatment most challenging. Our goal is to provide multidisciplinary treatments and competent medical contacts, and we ensure this by performing basic and clinical research and cooperating with several hospitals and institutions. Moreover, the Center is a partner in a network of Centers for Rare Diseases, enabling us to transfer patients to whom we cannot offer the best possible treatment to experts who can.

We will gladly support you with our expertise.

Yours sincerely

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Definition

A rare disease is one that occurs in no more than one in two thousand people. It is estimated that there are up to 8,000 rare diseases worldwide, probably affecting around four million people in Germany alone.

- Optimization of patient care and improvement of quality of life of persons afflicted and their relatives by multidisciplinary expert teams
- Intensifying and focusing research to secure a fast knowledge transfer into practice
- Optimization of training and further education in the health sector and raising public awareness of rare diseases
- Cooperation with patient organizations and self-help groups to respond better to patients’ needs

Focal areas

- Rare neurological diseases
- Rare hematological diseases
- Rare liver and gastrointestinal diseases
- Facial and skeletal malformations
- Rare kidney diseases in adults
- Rare inflammatory diseases of infancy and adolescence
- Retinopathies and retinopathy syndromes
- Syndromal diseases and infantile breathing regulatory disorders
- Rare allergies and skin diseases
- Arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathies and keratinopathies (research only)

What’s important for us

Patients and their relatives are requested only to contact us after consulting a physician to establish whether contact with the ZSEA would be meaningful. In the case of a clear diagnosis, please get in touch with the specific contact person directly. Daniela Volk and Christopher Schippers is available to respond to cases with unclear diagnosis and all other queries.

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