Vienna Health Association
Sozialmedizinisches Zentrum Ost (SMZ OST)
Donauspital

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About the hospital

Donauspital is a hospital center with 953 beds and one of the most effective and modern facilities in Eastern Austria. Quality assurance and quality management are particular concerns of this renowned institution.

The first patient was treated on April 27th 1992. Today, seventeen years later, about 50,000 patients were admitted to the hospital and 176,000 inpatient admissions were registered. More than 3,000 staff members look after the wellbeing of the patients in their care. Donauspital is located on an area of 205.200 square meters and is organised in 16 departments, 20 outpatient departments, six institutes and four intensive care units. The hospital center offers 978 beds and the average duration of inpatient stays is 6.3 days. Donauspital and Geriatric Center Donaustadt belong to the “SMZ-Ost” – the Social Medical Center East.

For more information about the hospital please visit http://www.wienkav.at/kav/dsp/

At the hospital

Due to Austrian law, you are not entitled to perform diagnostic examinations or give reports, unless you have an accepted Austrian licence / recognition of your medical degrees and specifications achieved in your country. So at present you can only watch and discuss during your Observership.

If you can not attend your daily schedule the AAF office and your mentor must be informed.

All communication at the hospital is in German. Although your mentor shall try to translate some parts and discuss things in English, most communication is and will be this way (due to time constraints during routine work), which may impair the benefit you can draw from this visit.

On the first day

Your Observership will start the day after your arrival in Vienna. In your welcome folder you will find detailed information on when and where you will meet your mentor on the first day.
On the first day at the hospital your mentor will want to see your passport and a copy of your medical licence and other diplomas (translated to German or English). Please make sure you have it with you! You will be informed about the required attendance at the hospital by your mentor and must follow these instructions.

You will be provided with a white coat as well as meal vouchers.

**How to get there**

The hospital can be reached via **metro line U2**. The station in front of the “SMZ OST” is called “Donauspital”.

Please ask the porter for further information.