University Hospital Zurich
We are here for our Patients
Welcome to University Hospital Zurich

University Hospital Zurich (USZ) is open to all, each and every day. We offer a comprehensive range of medical services varying from basic medical care to high-end medicine. We extend a special welcome to our international patients.

We use our superior academic knowledge to treat our patients, taking a personal touch and utilizing highly specialized and up-to-date research. The USZ is one of the largest and most prominent hospitals in Switzerland. Our employees guarantee medically comprehensive and individualized support even beyond their specific disciplines. We research the latest treatment methods and apply them according to strict scientific criteria for our patients. For several types of treatment, we are the sole provider in Switzerland.

Patients from around Switzerland and abroad travel to USZ to receive the best medical support. Your health and quality of life are our only concern. Each day, we use our expertise to care for your well-being.

Rita Ziegler, B.Sc (lic. oec.) HSG
President of the Hospital
Executive Board

Professor
Jürg Hodler, MD
Deputy President of the Hospital Executive Board and
Chief Medical Director
University Hospital Zurich – an Introduction

Each year, we treat around 38,000 inpatients and 134,000 outpatients at our 43 clinics and institutes. University Hospital Zurich brings practically all medical disciplines together under one roof. This allows us to offer the latest treatment methods for the entire range of diagnoses.

With 8500 staff from 86 different countries, our hospital is equipped for an international clientele. Our clinics and their research activities are integrated into an international network of medical institutions in over 30 countries.

The city of Zurich lies at the center of Europe and in the heart of Switzerland, which is very convenient for our international patients coming from the surrounding regions and abroad. Thanks to USZ’s central location in the downtown of Zurich, the Zurich International Airport can be reached within 20 min by public and private transport.
Are you planning medical treatment in Switzerland? Our International Office will be happy to assist you before, during and after your medical care. We make sure you receive a prompt response to your first inquiry and help you arrange your hospital stay. We also ensure the administrative processes are handled properly and remain available to you even after you have returned home. Your health and well-being come first.

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Highlights – Medical Community, Nurses, Research

Our physicians
A total of 1250 physicians work in a wide variety of medical fields at the USZ. Thanks to the close connection between clinical care and research, our doctors are always on the cutting edge of medical innovation. The hospital has a longstanding network that includes the most prominent hospitals and research institutes in Europe, North America and Asia. Each year, our doctors attend over 1000 medical conferences around the world. Each day, 14 expert lectures are given by USZ doctors in Zurich and around the world. The USZ attaches particular importance to collaboration between hospitals and clinics, with the goal of providing our patients the latest and best treatment available.

Our Nurses
The largest group of the USZ workforce comprises over 2500 nurses. The “Center of Clinical Nursing Science”, the “Processes and Projects Team” and the sector “Nursing and Allied Health Professions Education” ensure our high level of scientific standards, continuous progress as well as application of most recent research findings. Patient safety and high quality nursing care are particularly important for us. The nurse-to-patient ratio is approximately 1:8 compared with 1:13 in neighboring countries.

Our research
As a university hospital, the USZ works to develop the medicine of the future. Findings are incorporated into the highly specialized medical care we provide for our patients. At the USZ, approximately 2000 employees work on a wide range of research activities in virtually all fields of medicine. In 2013, our personnel received 47 medical awards and each year, we publish more than 2000 scientific pieces in professional journals. The USZ is closely connected with the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Zurich and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), which keeps us at the forefront of medical progress in Switzerland and around the world.
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Age and Mobility Center

We research much-needed, well-tolerated and effective measures and therapies for increasing healthy life expectancy in patients. Stimulation and support for all vital organs is of paramount importance. Research priorities include improving muscle health, preventing bone fractures and ensuring that the cardiovascular system and memory continue to function effectively. We also manage and coordinate DO-HEALTH, the largest study on aging in Europe.

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PH Professor
Heike A. Bischoff-Ferrari, MD
Head of Center

Professor
Donat R. Spahn, MD, FRCA
Director of Institute
In the Breast Center, we’re committed to diagnosing all breast changes in a gentle, quick and reliable manner. In addition to various situation-based imaging procedures, we also conduct minimally invasive biopsies. We also provide consultation services and explain possible treatments in detail. We offer genetic consultations for women concerned about hereditary breast cancer.

At the Department of Angiology, patients with diseases or anomalies of arteries, veins and lymphatic vessels are treated. We perform the full range of endovascular procedures for arterial occlusive as well as aneurysmatic disease in all vascular beds. Using endovenous laser therapy, we offer a minimally invasive outpatient treatment for varicose veins. Our research priorities include the investigation of vascular function as well as the systemic effects of peripheral arterial occlusive disease.

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Cancer Center

We specialize in diagnostics, therapy and aftercare for tumor diseases. We use university research to develop new therapy methods. This enables medical care at the highest international level. Various departments have combined into organ-specific treatment centers and can therefore offer our patients optimum treatment.

Professor
Roger Stupp, MD
Director of Center
Department of Cardiology

We provide a comprehensive range of diagnostic and treatment services in the field of heart and vascular diseases. Our interdisciplinary network consists of cardiology, cardiovascular surgery, cardiac anesthesia, angiology, radiology, nuclear medicine and emergency medicine. We make diagnoses via MRI, CT, myocardial scintigraphy and PET. Our interventional priorities are catheter interventions in the coronary vessels for the treatment of heart attacks and angina pectoris, as well as catheter-based replacement of heart valves and ablation of cardiac arrhythmia.

Professor
Thomas F. Lüscher, MD
Director of Department

Department of Cardiovascular Surgery

We consolidate the branches of cardiac surgery, vascular surgery and specialist intensive medicine, providing state-of-the-art operative procedures in these fields. We always tailor our comprehensive treatment concept to the personal requirements of our patients. Our main priorities are minimally invasive surgical techniques in heart valve and bypass surgery, catheter-based heart valve procedures, central and peripheral vascular intervention as well as cardiac insufficiency and transplant surgery.

Professor
Francesco Maisano, MD
Director of Department
Institute of Clinical Chemistry

The institute applies chemical, physical and biological methods to analyse body fluids such as blood and urine in order to support the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases. Our research aims at a better understanding of the molecular basis of metabolic and cardiovascular diseases as well as the development of new diagnostic tests and methods.

Professor
Arnold von Eckardstein, MD
Director of Institute

Institute for Complementary and Integrative Medicine

To improve health and health awareness we combine tradition with modern technology and interlink our medical care with research and teaching. In our outpatient clinic we focus on optimizing health, quality of life and clinical outcomes through evidence-based individualized medicine. Our key therapeutic areas include acupuncture, mind body medicine and herbal medicine. We engage patients to become active participants in improving their physical and mental health.

Professor
Claudia M. Witt, MD
Director of Institute
Department of Cranio-Maxillo-Facial and Oral Surgery

We specialize in the complex structures of the face, oral cavity, teeth and jaw. The preservation and restoration of your health are our main priorities in the department. Our services include the detection, treatment, prevention and rehabilitation of illnesses, injuries, fractures, malformations and deformities. We focus on both functional aspects (chewing, speaking, swallowing, breathing) and appearance and personal image.

Department of Dermatology

We are responsible for the careful assessment, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of skin, nail and hair diseases. The department’s main priorities are (malignant) melanoma and inflammatory skin diseases such as psoriasis and atopic dermatitis, as well as other, rarer skin conditions. At our allergy station, we treat conditions such as hay fever, food intolerances and occupational allergies. If no treatment has yet been developed for an illness, we offer patients the chance to participate in controlled clinical trials.
Department of Endocrinology, Diabetology and Clinical Nutrition

We treat diabetes mellitus and hormonal disorders of the thyroid gland, the adrenal glands and the pituitary gland. We also provide assessments and therapy for overweight or obese patients and those suffering from rare metabolic disorders. A team of specialists, diabetes and nutritional advisors are on hand to provide comprehensive and individualized outpatient and inpatient care.

Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology

We diagnose and treat disorders of the gastrointestinal tract, esophagus, liver, gall bladder and pancreas. The assessment and treatment of tumors in the digestive tract is one of our main priorities. Using patient-oriented research as a basis, we strive to improve our understanding of diseases, optimize early diagnosis techniques and, above all, develop new interdisciplinary treatment concepts.
Department of Geriatrics

We help older and elderly people maintain or restore their health, capabilities and quality of life. We treat acute cases such as pneumonia or bone fractures after a fall. On the basis of thorough medical assessments, we determine what help our patients require in order to return home after receiving acute treatment. We work closely with general practitioners as part of our activities.

Department of Gynecology

For gynecological complaints, we provide outpatient diagnosis and treatment services at our outpatient clinic. In addition to gynecological consultations, numerous specialists are available for consultations in special fields. All gynecological surgical procedures are conducted by a highly specialized team working with state-of-the-art equipment.

Professor
Heike A. Bischoff-Ferrari, MD
Director of Department

Professor
Daniel Fink, MD
Director of Department
University Heart Center

The University Heart Center Zurich consolidates all medical services relating to the heart (cardiology and cardiovascular surgery) in one location. The close cooperation of interdisciplinary departments in terms of the treatment of heart diseases enables state-of-the-art therapy and supervision for our patients.

Department of Hematology

We diagnose and treat diseases of the blood, hematopoietic organs and lymph nodes. Our main priorities are hematological disorders such as a low blood count (anemia, thrombocytopenia, Leukopenia) hematological tumors (leukemia, myelodysplastic syndrome, myeloproliferative neoplasms, lymphoma), blood clotting disorders (risk of hemorrhage or thrombosis) and blood stem cell transplants. We provide cutting-edge diagnostics and therapy and continually strive to improve medicine by conducting basic and clinical research.

Professor
Thomas F. Lüscher, MD
Director of Department Cardiology

Professor
Markus G. Manz, MD
Director of Department Cardiology
We are experts in the field of immunology with a focus on immunodeficiencies, autoimmunity and the use of biologic agents (biologics or biologicals). Our immunological diagnosis laboratories work in the fields of allergology, autoimmune disorders, immunodeficiencies, HIV and hepatitis.

Department of Immunology

Professor
Onur Boyman, MD
Director of Department
Department of Infectious Diseases and Hospital Epidemiology

We are specialists for the prevention, diagnosis and therapy of infectious diseases. Our dedicated and experienced staff of clinicians and nurses takes care of you in our outpatient clinic or as inpatient at the University-Hospital Zurich. Our internationally renowned research team works in close collaboration with our medical staff. Our centre is part of a network of research groups at the University-Hospital Zurich, the University of Zurich, the ETH Zurich and other national and international universities and the pharmaceutical industry.

Professor Rainer Weber, MD
Director of Department

Department of Internal Medicine

The Department of Internal Medicine and its Inpatient and Outpatient Division have a very longstanding tradition as a well-known center of reference for finding the ultimate reasons for symptoms, i.e., to lead patients in a reasonable and persistent manner from a symptom to an as yet hidden diagnosis. We also specialize in the integrative and comprehensive management of patients with multiple concurrent conditions and complex disease situations. In addition, the Department also provides specialized consultants and clinics in hypertension, overweight, inflammatory diseases and storage diseases. Furthermore, the Department deals with patients that encounter health problems due to work and environment.

Professor Edouard Battegay, MD
Director of Department
Department of Neonatology

We offer the entire range of care for newborns, from primary to intensive care medicine. We specialize in the treatment of very preterm infants and other high-risk newborns. Together with the department of obstetrics, we are the leading center for perinatal medicine in the greater Zurich area. We thereby focus on the care of the entire family, the child and the parents alike.

Department of Nephrology

We treat adults with all forms of acute and chronic kidney disease. This also includes follow-up treatment after a kidney transplant. We carry out hemodialysis treatments at our dialysis unit. In the peritoneal dialysis center, we treat and instruct patients with chronic renal insufficiency on an outpatient basis. We mainly carry out research in the fields of kidney transplants and genetically defined renal disorders.

Professor
Dirk Bassler, MD
Director of Department

Professor
Rudolf Wüthrich, MD
Director of Department
Department of Neurosurgery

We are specialized in the surgical treatment of diseases of the brain and spinal cord. Our primary focus is on the treatment of brain tumors, vascular diseases, epilepsy and movement disorders. We also treat tumors of the spinal cord and diseases of the spinal column as herniated discs and spinal stenosis. For our surgery we use the latest technological advances like intraoperative MRI, neurophysiological monitoring, minimally invasive, computer-guided technology and endoscopy. This allows us to achieve the best possible treatment for all our patients.

Department of Neurology

We focus on the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the brain, spinal cord, nerves and muscles. We specialize in strokes, multiple sclerosis, brain tumors, epilepsy, sleep disorders, pain, vertigo and vestibular disorders. We also treat rare neurological diseases. Patients of other departments can also be treated by our medical personnel if required.

Professor
Luca Regli, MD
Director of Department

Professor
Michael Weller, MD
Director of Department
Institute of Neuropathology

The mission of our institute is to provide comprehensive, state-of-the-art diagnostic services for diseases of the central and peripheral nervous system and skeletal muscle. We maintain close collaborations with the departments of neurology and neurosurgery and general pathology. As the official National Reference Center for Human Prion Diseases (NPRE) for Switzerland, our institute provides specialized fluid and tissue diagnostic services for Creutzfeldt-Jakob (CJD) and related diseases. In addition, our institute is dedicated to innovative research with a primary focus on prions, neurodegeneration and the pathogenesis of cancer of the nervous system.

Department of Neuroradiology

We perform all diagnostic neuroradiological imaging examinations and use only the latest generation of technology (CT, MRI, ultrasound, x-ray, angiography). In terms of interventional neuroradiology, we treat vascular diseases and vessel-rich tumors in the central nervous system, the head, the neck and the spinal cord. Our extensive experience and use of state-of-the-art technology make us one of the most important centers for neuroradiology in Switzerland.
Department of Nuclear Medicine

Functional imaging examinations on patients using radioactive substances: we use scintigraphy, SPECT and PET to visualize biochemical processes in the body (such as active cancer, inflammation, tissue perfusion, etc.) and combine these technologies with cross-sectional methods such as CT and MRI for precise anatomical localization. Our department played a key role in pioneering these hybrid imaging methods and was the world leader in implementing the methods in the field of cancer, cardiac diagnostics and neuroimaging. Nuclear medicine is not limited to diagnostic procedures, but also offers several treatment options.

Department of Obstetrics

We provide individual, integrated care for women during pregnancy, childbirth and in the postpartum period. Self-determination, a family-oriented setting and reliable decisions are of paramount importance to us. Our extensive experience also enables us to foster the relationship between mother and child. We offer comfortable two and three-bed rooms with lovely views of the whole of Zurich for the postpartum period.

Professor
Philipp A. Kaufmann, MD
Director of Department

Professor
Roland Zimmermann, MD
Director of Department
Department of Oncology

We specialize in the treatment of malignant tumors in all organ systems. Thanks to our state-of-the-art analysis technology, we can make precise diagnoses and offer personalized therapies. The drugs work in a targeted manner and have fewer side effects. Our department collaborates closely with national and international oncological associations, networks and support institutions, which guarantees excellent quality in the areas of prevention, diagnosis, treatment, aftercare and genetic consultation.

Professor
Roger Stupp, MD
Director of Department

Department of Ophthalmology

Steeped in tradition, the Department of Ophthalmology has been providing patients of all ages with consultations and treatment for eye-related disease and injury for over 150 years. Our main focus is on treating cataracts, glaucoma, corneal and retinal disease, neuro-ophthalmology, strabismus and diseases affecting the eye sockets, lids and tear ducts. On the basis of our research, we develop methods that enable patients to maintain and improve their eyesight in the future.

Professor
Klara Landau, MD
Director of Department
Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery

We examine, treat and carry out operations for all disorders, complaints and injuries relating to the ears, nose, face and neck. We predominantly focus on skull base surgery, ear surgery (including cochlea implants), all types of hearing impairment (including in newborn babies and infants), vertigo and vestibular disorders, as well as voice and speech disorders. We also treat diseases of the nose, sinus and salivary glands, and tumors of the oral cavity, pharynx, neck, face and skull base.

Professor
Rudolf Probst, MD
Director of Department
Institute of Surgical Pathology

We cover the entire range of morphological diagnoses (analysis of tissue samples). We are also responsible for training and further education in the field of pathology. The institute consists of the departments histopathology/autopsy, cytopathology, pedopathology, in-situ techniques and diagnostic molecular pathology. Clinically oriented research with molecular methods constitutes a key focus of our institute.

Department of Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology

The Department of Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology promotes personalized medicine in the field of pharmacotherapy by consulting patients and advising health care professionals in all questions relating to drug therapy. Areas of expertise include drug safety and pharmacovigilance, phase I clinical trials, drug-drug interactions, electronic decision support systems, drug-induced liver injury (DILI), pharmacogenetics and the genetic diagnosis of cholestatic liver disorders.

Professor
Holger Moch, MD
Director of Department

Professor
Gerd A. Kullak-Ublick, MD
Director of Department
Department of Plastic Surgery and Hand Surgery

The clinic offers the full spectrum of plastic surgery, hand surgery and burn treatment services. The clinic’s services are provided by highly qualified specialists. We benefit from modern infrastructure and keep a finger on the pulse of the latest developments in science and research. Our efforts are focused on our patients and their requirements.

Professor
Pietro Giovanoli, MD
Director of Department

Institute of Primary Care

We are the operative platform of the Institute of Primary Care at the University Hospital Zurich. The institute is tasked with teaching medical faculty students about the work and responsibilities of general practitioners. Our research consists of exploring innovative approaches to diagnostics and therapy, with the aim of prolonging patients’ lives via primary care and improving their quality of life.

Professor
Thomas Rosemann, MD PhD
Director of Institute
Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy

Specialized and modern treatment concepts for people suffering from mental illness. Our core services are psychotherapy, consultation/liaison psychiatry and psychosomatics. Collaboration with other USZ departments is particularly important. We provide various special consultation options in our outpatient clinic, while our center for eating disorders offers a range of inpatient and outpatient therapies. The consultation/liaison psychiatry unit is responsible for the entire USZ (including the interdisciplinary emergency department).

Department of Pulmonology

We specialize in all types of lung disease and breathing disorders. In addition, we are strongly committed to providing training and further education courses for medical students and prospective pulmonology specialists. Our research focuses on the fields of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, sleep-breathing disorders, pulmonary hypertension, lung transplants and analysis of exhaled air.

Professor
Ulrich Schnyder, MD
Director of Department

Professor
Malcolm Kohler, MD
Director of Department
The Department for Radiation Oncology is specialized in curative and palliative treatment of benign and malignant diseases using ionising irradiation. As a leading national and international academic center, we offer all modern equipment and technologies to perform most up-to-date treatment concepts, e.g. stereotactic radiotherapy and radiosurgery. This is combined with internationally trained staff, which are all specialised in specific diseases to be constantly on the forefront in clinical practice and research. Our research activities especially in the fields of high-precision radiotherapy and Proton Radiotherapy allow us to perform novel treatment concepts, which are still under scientific development and which are not available at other institutions. Medical and technical expertise is combined with respect for the patient individual needs and wish for privacy.

Institute for Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology

We use established imaging methods such as x-ray, ultrasound and MRI to make diagnoses in a range of fields. This includes breast diagnostics for the detection of breast cancer. In the area of interventional radiology, we use imaging methods for therapeutic interventions, such as for arterial occlusive disease or other vascular disorders.

Professor
Jürg Hodler, MD
Director of Institute

Professor
Matthias Guckenberger, MD
Director of Department
Department of Reproductive Endocrinology

We treat couples who wish to conceive, using the latest methods in reproductive medicine. We are experts at examining and treating female-specific hormonal problems across all age groups, such as in youths and during the menopause. We also offer advice for women with questions about contraception, as well as for men and women suffering from sexual dysfunction. In all consultations and treatment sessions, human contact is very important to us.

Professor
Bruno Imthurn, MD
Director of Department

Department of Rheumatology

We provide a range of diagnostic and therapeutic services in the field of rheumatic and skeletal muscle diseases. We examine all systemic rheumatic diseases and have specialists for back disorders, inflammatory rheumatic diseases, osteoarthritis, osteoporosis and muscle diseases. Our specialized examination and treatment services are also used by other hospitals and rheumatologists as well as by other clinics at the USZ.

Professor
Beat Michel, MD
Director of Department
Stroke Center

We provide around-the-clock emergency and trauma medicine for strokes and care for critical-stage patients in our stroke unit monitoring station. Potential complications are prevented or treated, the cause of the stroke is investigated (important in preventing further strokes during the acute phase) and early rehabilitation measures facilitate recuperation. Our stroke teams work on an interdisciplinary basis with experts from neuroradiology, neurosurgery, cardiology and other disciplines.

Department of Thoracic Surgery

As one of the most complex and central organs in the human body, the lung, requires specialized surgery. The operative treatment priorities in the Department of Thoracic Surgery are: cancer of the lungs and pleura, overinflation of the lungs, minimally invasive surgery, transplants, deformities of the thorax (e.g. pigeon chest, funnel chest), hyperhidrosis and chronic blushing. We operate a multidisciplinary center for the treatment of thoracic tumors and for conducting intensive experimental and clinical research.
Transplantation Center

Our transplant program is the largest and one of the oldest in Switzerland. The individual transplant programs are led by organ-specific teams composed of surgical and medical experts. The Transplant Center optimizes available resources, guarantees knowledge transfer between medical experts, and fosters interdisciplinarity. Regular symposia ensure an active international exchange.

Professor
Nicolas Müller, MD
Head of Center

Department of Trauma Surgery

We specialize in the operative treatment of injuries of the spinal column, pelvis and extremities. Other key focuses include artificial hip joins and the treatment of abdominal injuries. Close collaboration with neighboring disciplines, in particular reconstructive surgery, neurosurgery and surgical intensive care, guarantees optimum care for our patients.

Professor
Hans-Peter Simmen, MD
Director of Department
Department of Visceral and Transplant Surgery

Our department’s clinical priorities include surgery of the liver, pancreas, bile ducts, esophagus, stomach, intestine and rectum, as well as general surgery and transplants. We use the latest operating methods and technologies to treat our patients as effectively as possible. Our treatment strategies are based on scientific evidence. Both basic and clinical research are therefore of key importance. We are one of the most successful surgical research groups on the international scene.

Department of Urology

We treat patients providing the whole spectrum of urologic treatments. A main focus is the diagnosis, treatment and aftercare of prostate carcinomas. In our prostate cancer center, we offer integrated care through a network of medical specialists and experts in care.

Professor
Tullio Sulser, MD
Director of Department

Professor
Pierre-Alain Clavien, MD
Director of Department
Competence and Care you can Trust

UniversityHospital Zurich is there to serve your unique medical needs. The hospital staff is always available to answer any questions you may have concerning our treatments, service or facilities.

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