Hello to all,

I am a medical student, final year and i am planning to follow a residency program in Germany. I am currently studying the language, therefore i cannot yet read in german about what i need to know, and in english i did not find anything over the internet. I am interested to know what is the curriculum in neurosurgery , how many years and any other useful information.

If anyone around here is already undergoing this speciality in Germany, i would really like some clues about it.

I am familiar with the "hospitation" procedure, going there, to a neurosurgery clinic, and just attend, see how things are moving on, observe - this would be the perfect word. If anyone knows what clinics are easier to approach in this sense ( where people have a little bit of time to spend with uninitiated persons like me) i am opened to suggestions. So far, i am studying the language, and this doesn't open many doors for me, as i am still at the beginning :S.

Thanks

P.S. here is a PDF. book for whom ever is interested : Essential Neurosurgery ;)

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Re:Neurosurgery program in Germany
Posted by anu - 2010/04/18 08:22

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Ok, the attachment was not possible, i think its a restriction on how large the file must be. So, who thinks needs the book, PM me, with your mail adress so i can send it via email (its only 6 MB)

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Re:Neurosurgery program in Germany
Posted by adelbakouch - 2010/11/02 22:08

please also I need info. about neurosurgery residency in germany

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Re:Neurosurgery program in Germany
Posted by anu - 2010/11/03 11:40
Hi,
Contact me on pm. I can share u the little i know about Germany programm.

Re:Neurosurgery program in Germany
Posted by ncsneuron - 2010/11/11 12:39

Hi anu
are you studying in Germany currently???
I am at the Med Faculty Mannheim, Univ of Heidelberg for my graduate studies.
Wish to know about neurosurg programmes, how to get into it for foreign med students...
let me know

have a nice time
bye

Re:Neurosurgery program in Germany
Posted by adelbakouch - 2010/11/11 12:48

I send you PM please add or rply me

Re:Neurosurgery program in Germany
Posted by anu - 2010/11/11 13:59

Hi,
I'm gona pm you back now. Last time i checked my inbox here was on nov.3rd so, here i am, back again.

Re:Neurosurgery program in Germany
Posted by anu - 2010/11/11 14:01

adelbakouch wrote:
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Hi anu
I send you pm please reply and tell me

Hi, i'm also a medical student and i wanted to inquire about the neurosurgical residencies in germany. can you please help me ?

First things first.
You definitely need to learn German. The level is B2 as per the European framework of languages. If you learn German intensive, it can take as short as 6 months and as long as 18 months. The Goethe Institute is the best place to learn but I suggest you also use the audio courses by Michel Thomas. These help with the speaking and confidence element of the language. I will try to upload those audios too. If only, I can avoid copyright infringement emails.
Anyway I must saying learning German was a wonderful experience for me. Its easier than French because what you write is what you say. (I have learnt French too). No I'm not a language freak. I'm just an ordinary medical professional who with a lot of investment and time learnt a new language.
In Germany it's like being in China. Everything is in German. Even the floor markings! So you must know German.
After you have done this, type your CV in German, and write a nice application letter in German too. Then find all the doctors you can of the field you want to specialize in. Google it, its not hard, trust me. Send an email to every doctor. Yes! You heard me right. An email to every doctor, use Bcc, that's what I did.
The reason to getting in contact with the doctors is that you need a contract to get a long term German visa. Without a contract and initial contact with a doctor you will have to spend your money and risk travelling there as a tourist.
Most German doctors answer their emails unless they are on leave. On an average 70% reply, whether positive or negative, but they reply.
If you are lucky which you might actually be, because doctors are lacking in Germany, you will be invited to visit, and that's your chance to get your contract.
When the contract is done, you need to apply for a visa and an occupational permit (Berufserlaubnis). The latter is like a temporary practicing license to work as a doctor in Germany. Its usually granted for a period of 1 to 2 years,d during which you may need to give an equivalence exam (Gleichwertigkeitsprüfung) and pass it. It's an oral exam in the subjects internal medicine, surgery and one of the following clinically related subjects: microbiology, toxicology, virology, pathology, emergency medicine (depends on which state you are applying). Passing this exam gives you chance to continue
your course and have a full license to practice. If the council decides you don't need to write the Gleichwertigkeitsprüfung then you will have to give an oral exam that tests your German medical knowledge. How much German do you understand in the medical specialty?

The biggest advantage a person should look at in doing PG in Germany is that they need doctors and we need PGs. None the less its world class education coming with no tuition fees and a good salary. What more can one ask for?

Please note all documents not in German, need to be translated for the application of a Berufserlaubnis.

An alternative option for people interested in coming to Germany for PG is that they can apply for a “Hospitat” position in a hospital in Germany. Of course it will be on one’s expenses unless the doctor who accepts you is too nice to give you something like free accommodation or an allowance. Doesn’t happen often, so don’t have high hopes.