

## Education

Another focus of the chs is continuing education and post-graduate training with an emphasis on fostering and mentoring the next generation of scientists and clinicians now working toward medical degrees and those enrolled in the chs program of public health, as well as advising doctoral students.

The institutes comprising the chs are also engaged in the curricular reform in medical education and contribute to student-centered, high quality teaching in their subject areas and interdisciplinary fields.



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- Working Group on Environmental Epidemiology
- Department of the History, Philosophy and Ethics of Medicine
- Institute of Medical Sociology
- Institute for Health Services Research and Health Economics

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The Centre for Health and Society (chs) is an interdisciplinary consortium integrating multiple institutes at the Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf (HHU).

chs member institutes:

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### ■ Aim

The primary aim of the chs is to study and improve social and other contextual conditions surrounding healthy living and modern health care. In pursuit of this, scientists from different academic fields related to population health and biopsychosocial perspectives of individual health care collaborate closely in an interdisciplinary environment. A high priority is placed on international, cutting-edge research and participating in national and European cooperative research projects.

### ■ Main Activities

#### Research

Research activities within the chs focus on health care, epidemiology, public health, health economics, health care-related clinical research, occupational medicine, workplace health promotion, aging and work, general practice, work and health, family medicine, social determinants of health, medical sociology, prevention, individual- and patient-centered care, environmental epidemiology, the doctor-patient relationship, clinical ethics, research ethics and the history and philosophy of medicine. Some examples of the current issues include how social conditions or work-related stress affect the risk of cardiovascular disease, how general practitioners and patients communicate with each other, whether or not prevention does indeed save money and which values and norms direct private and public medical reasoning.

#### Networking

In addition to its own activities and research initiatives, the chs collaborates as a cooperative partner with many institutes and clinics at the University Hospital and the Heinrich-Heine-University in Düsseldorf. The chs creates synergies by establishing a shared infrastructure for research, and supporting interdisciplinary research initiatives. It offers its expertise and academic resources to contribute to excellence in research and medicine at the University of Düsseldorf. Additionally, it coordinates a network for health care research (UKD) - an initiative combining both theoretical and clinical subjects at the HHU Medical School to jointly address issues in health care through well-founded research.

