Information for international patients

Department of Thoracic Surgery

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Welcome to the Department of Thoracic Surgery at Asklepios Klinik Harburg

The Department of Thoracic Surgery at Asklepios Klinik Harburg is the oldest and largest department for lung surgery in Hamburg. Combined with the Departments of Pulmology, Oncology and Respiratory Medicine it forms the Thorax Center Hamburg, the largest of its kind in Northern Germany.

In addition to state-of-the-art equipment the department continues to develop minimal-invasive surgical procedures that are promoted throughout Germany. The department was first to study and publish the minimal-invasive removal of entire lung lobes. As a result about 40% of all interventions in Harburg can be performed via the most minimal cuts. The department guarantees five surgeons with the additional qualification in thoracic surgery are on site: For the care of our patients - 24/7, 365 days a year.

One major advantage of thoracic surgery in Harburg is the interdisciplinary cooperation with the other specialty departments of a modern hospital. Therefore the department is optimally equipped to take into consideration any adverse conditions and treat each patient to his individual needs. Integral part of all patient care is an individual surgery and treatment concept that is being discussed with pulmonologists, radiologists, oncologists and radiotherapists. This interdisciplinary networking provides the best long-term chances of healing and optimal quality of life after any treatment.

We are glad to provide you with further information if needed. Please feel free to contact our department with any query you may have.

Dr. Stefan Meierling

Areas of expertise:

- Lung cancer (lung cancer) – either through open thoracic surgery, or - if applicable - minimally-invasive surgery (VATS lobectomy)
- Lung metastases (secondary tumors of other tumor diseases) - including Laser Surgery
- Diseases of the mediastinum (incl. myasthenia gravis (muscle weakness), mediastinal tumors)
- Benign lung diseases such as: pneumothorax, pulmonary emphysema, bronchiectasis (saccular or cylindrical extensions of the medium-sized airways)
- Chest wall tumors and chest wall injuries
- Diseases of the pleura (pleural effusion, pleural empyema, pleural mesothelioma, pleural thickening)
- Central airway diseases (trachea, bronchia)
- Pathologically increased sweating (hyperhydrosis)
- Multimodal therapy concepts regarding tumors (chemotherapy, surgery, radiation)