**Table Appendix 1**

Overview of the participating clinics and departments

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| **Clinic** | **Department** |
| St. Nikolaus-Stifthospital GmbH Andernach | Internal medicineGeneral surgery |
| Stiftungsklinikums Mittelrhein gGmbH Koblenz, Boppard und Nastätten | General and visceral surgery (Koblenz)Internal medicine, gastroenterology (Koblenz)Central patient admission (Boppard)General-, visceral-, and trauma surgery and orthopedics (Nastätten) |
| Klinikum Mittelmosel, Zell/Mosel | Internal medicine, cardiologyNeurology |
| Klinikum Idar-Oberstein GmbH | Trauma surgeryGeneral-, visceral-, and vascular surgeryInternal medicineInternal medicine, gastroenterology and oncology |
| Westpfalz-Klinikum GmbH Rockenhausen | Internal medicine, cardiologyInternal medicine, gastroenterology and pneumologyGeriatricsCentral patient admission and intensive care unit |
| Klinikum der Stadt Ludwigshafen am Rhein gGmbH | NeurologyDermatologyInternal medicine, cardiology |
| Klinikums des Landesvereins für Innere Mission in der Pfalz e.V. Zweibrücken | Internal medicine, cardiologyVisceral and vascular surgeryInternal medicine, gastroenterology |
| ASKLEPIOS Südpfalzklinik Germersheim | Internal medicine (Germersheim)Internal medicine, gastroenterology, surgery and ENT department (Germersheim)Internal medicine, cardiology (Kandel)Visceral surgery, urology (Kandel) |