

What is the EB-Haus Austria?

Medical care for people living with Epidermolysis bullosa (EB) can only be provided with the help of multi-disciplinary networks. For this reason, the non-profit support group DEBRA Austria has set itself the goal of improving medical care and raising hope of alleviating and/or curing this serious and rare disease on a sustainable basis.

In very close cooperation with the Department of Dermatology at the General Hospital Salzburg, Paracelsus Medical University, DEBRA Austria – using donations and a one-time subsidy granted by the federal government – set up a special medical centre, which started operations in November 2005. This centre soon became a Centre of Excellence, not only on an Austrian level but also on a European level, for medical care for people with EB and for research into a cure for this congenital skin disease.



The EB-Haus Austria is the world's first centre of its kind and forms part of the Department of Dermatology at the Salzburger Landeskliniken (SALK) hospital group. Use of this centre is supervised by the support group DEBRA Austria, which has made it its goal to ensure the availability of approximately EUR 500,000 which is required each year to finance personnel and material costs for patient care, research, and training. At the moment, all costs incurred for the operation of the EB-Haus Austria are paid from private donations.

Aim of the work done at the EB-Haus Austria

1. Provision of future-oriented medical care and improvement of the quality of life of people with EB at the **EB Outpatient Unit** (headed by: Dr. Anja Diem).
2. Research to provide successful treatment – curing and/or alleviating EB – by means of gene therapy and other forward-looking approaches at the **EB Research Laboratory** (headed by: Prof. Dr. Johann Bauer).
3. Education and further training as well as networking of all persons dealing with the problems relating to EB, in particular EB patients and their families, doctors, therapists, nursing staff, and scientists, at the **EB Academy** (headed by: Dr. Gabriela Pohla-Gubo).

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