"Our aim is to bridge the gap between bench and bedside."

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Exploring the Nervous System and Developing New Therapies

Cluster of Excellence

The **NeuroCure** Cluster of Excellence investigates neurological and psychiatric diseases such as Alzheimer's, depression, epilepsy, Parkinson's, stroke, and schizophrenia. Scientists and physicians work closely together to transfer findings from basic research to clinical application. To facilitate this process, NeuroCure has established its own clinical research center (NCRC). The NCRC supports researchers in conducting clinical trials and gives patients access to new therapies and diagnostic procedures. **>>**

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In various projects, researchers investigate diseases encountered over the entire lifespan: from early development to old age. The research approaches are diverse and range from molecular methods and imaging techniques to behavioral biology and neuropsychological investigations. In addition, NeuroCure has established many new research groups as well as several technological platforms.

Based at the Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, the cluster has received funding since 2007 and is set to continue its work for seven more years.

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