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Our teaching center organizes or participates in local, regional and national international courses and meetings. In addition to daily bedside and general lessons for physiotherapists, medical students and residents, a daily staff meeting is held. Every two weeks grand rounds are organized. Every year, a regional sports medicine meeting is organized.

In 2001 the department organized the annual meeting of the German speaking and French arthroscopy associations.

Members of the department regularly participate in ESSKA and ISAKOS instructional courses lectures.

The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery of the University of Saarland treats patients on an in- and outpatient basis. Per year, approximately 2500 operations are performed and 10,000 outpatientst are treated. The department has 4 operating rooms, 85 beds and 5 intensive care beds.

The subspecialties offered by the department include sports medicine, arthroscopy, shoulder surgery, hip and knee reconstruction, spine and tumor surgery, children’s orthopaedics and foot and ankle surgery. Special expertise is provided with computer assisted orthopaedic surgery (3 different CAOS-systems), extracorporeal shockwave therapy (which has been used for more than 6 years), meniscus transplantation and arthroscopy of all major joints, including hip and wrist.

Scientifically, the department has its own laboratory for gene therapy and tissue engineering, as well as a biomechanical and an RSA (roengenstereometric analysis) lab.