

## 4TH SYMPOSIUM ON TROPICAL MEDICINE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY CONTEXT 2024



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Peripheral tissue necrosis in a septic patient with disseminated intravascular coagulopathy

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## CLINICAL INFECTIOUS DISEASE MANAGEMENT IN TIME OF DISASTER AND WAR

Following the well-established tradition, we cordially invite you to the **4th Symposium on Tropical Medicine and Infectious Diseases in an International Military Context 2024**, which will be hosted by the **Bundeswehr Hospital Hamburg** and take place at the prestigious **Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine, Hamburg, Germany** from **28th to 30th August 2024**. Under the all-embracing topic **“Clinical infectious disease management in times of disaster and war”**, up-to-date issues from the fields of infectious disease prevention, diagnostics, treatment, and management will be discussed.

### TOPICS OF INTEREST INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT RESTRICTED TO:

- Infectious diseases as “aftershocks” of wars and disasters
- New horizons in clinical infectious disease management
- Infectious disease management with limited resources and in remote areas
- Disaster dermatology
- Posttraumatic infections
- Infections associated with poor hygiene conditions
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Re-emerging infections in humanitarian crises

The presence of an armed conflict on European territory has raised awareness of the need for military medical readiness to respond to infectious disease scenarios that require a unified health approach. Such preparedness for disaster-associated infection risks includes awareness of current developments and implementation of state-of-the-art procedures. Military operations and international exercises can lead to the propagation of infectious agents such as gastrointestinal parasites, atypically resistant or even multi-resistant bacteria, acute and chronic viral infections, and even rare or emerging tropical pathogens. Knowledge, awareness, and expertise in the fields of prevention, diagnosis, therapy and management of tropical and infectious diseases, remain crucial in order to be prepared for the challenge. This is especially true in remote areas or on military vessels

The traditional and well-recognized symposium in Hamburg offers participants the opportunity to meet with colleagues and friends and to exchange information and ideas. Young colleagues and students are encouraged to join the community of military medical officers who specialize in the prevention, diagnosis, and management of infectious diseases. The relaxed atmosphere of the symposium helps to promote both scientific and collegial dialogue.



Management of a highly contagious patient



We are looking forward to seeing you in Hamburg 2024.

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