

**Clinical Observation Programme: Towards Better Treatment
Decisions in Chronic Inflammatory Diseases**

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BerlInflame is a unique study center for chronic inflammatory diseases including preferentially chronic inflammatory rheumatic diseases (rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis), psoriasis and other chronic inflammatory skin diseases, inflammatory bowel diseases (Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis) and overlapping diseases such as psoriatic arthritis. The intention of the center, located in Berlin, Germany, is to combine the efforts and resources of the different departments dealing with these diseases. Similar or identical conventional treatments have already been used in the past for these indications.

The potential for application and development of parallel treatments became more evident with the new biologicals, such as TNF- α blockers. Furthermore, new therapeutics are on the horizon which will be tested in different chronic inflammatory diseases in the near future. In addition, extensions for indications and better definitions of the approved biologicals are urgently needed for rheumatic diseases, psoriasis and inflammatory bowel diseases.

Throughout this highly interactive meeting there will be the opportunity to learn and discuss what these diseases have in common, focusing on pathogenesis and treatment. How are treatment decisions achieved, how to evaluate efficacy and side effects of treatment and exchanges about treatment experiences with other specialties will be the main focus of the workshop sessions.