

„We are doing our part to provide care in the area“.

"The private operators are not opening new practices, but taking over existing ones" - Interview with Franz Maier, CEO of Acura, on the practice market in Germany and the role of MVZs in dental care,,



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Since 2015, purely dental care centers can also be founded in Germany. As a result, the dental care "market" in Germany has also become interesting for companies and investors from outside the market. What has been possible in Scandinavian countries, in the USA, in Spain, in the Netherlands, in Great Britain and in Switzerland for a long time - dental practices or clinics owned by investors that merge to form dental care centers - has also been part of the practice landscape in Germany for a good four years - and the trend is increasing.

This development is viewed critically by the dental associations in Germany, but also by many dentists. The National Association of Statutory Health Insurance Dentists (Kassenzahnärztliche Bundesvereinigung) and the German Dental Association (Bundeszahnärztekammer) even see this as a "commercialization" of the dental profession and believe that there is a danger that profit could play a greater role than the well-being and care of patients. The KZBV has recently commissioned two expert reports on this issue - one examines the legal situation of the establishment of DCC (dental care centers) by outside investors, the other the general effects of DCC and investor MCC (medical care centers) (iMCC) on dental care in Germany.