**Table Appendix 1**

Overview of the participating clinics and departments

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| **Clinic** | **Department** |
| St. Nikolaus-Stifthospital GmbH Andernach | Internal medicine  General surgery |
| Stiftungsklinikums Mittelrhein gGmbH Koblenz, Boppard und Nastätten | General and visceral surgery (Koblenz)  Internal medicine, gastroenterology (Koblenz)  Central patient admission (Boppard)  General-, visceral-, and trauma surgery and orthopedics (Nastätten) |
| Klinikum Mittelmosel, Zell/Mosel | Internal medicine, cardiology  Neurology |
| Klinikum Idar-Oberstein GmbH | Trauma surgery  General-, visceral-, and vascular surgery  Internal medicine  Internal medicine, gastroenterology and oncology |
| Westpfalz-Klinikum GmbH Rockenhausen | Internal medicine, cardiology  Internal medicine, gastroenterology and pneumology  Geriatrics  Central patient admission and intensive care unit |
| Klinikum der Stadt Ludwigshafen am Rhein gGmbH | Neurology  Dermatology  Internal medicine, cardiology |
| Klinikums des Landesvereins für Innere Mission in der Pfalz e.V. Zweibrücken | Internal medicine, cardiology  Visceral and vascular surgery  Internal medicine, gastroenterology |
| ASKLEPIOS Südpfalzklinik Germersheim | Internal medicine (Germersheim)  Internal medicine, gastroenterology, surgery and ENT department (Germersheim)  Internal medicine, cardiology (Kandel)  Visceral surgery, urology (Kandel) |