

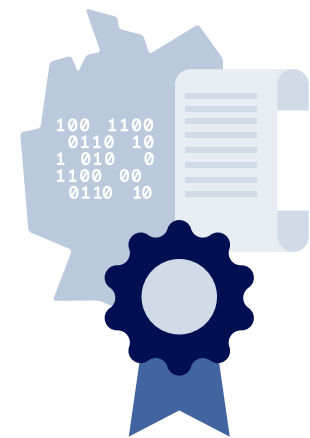
# gematik – National Digital Health Agency

The next big step in medical development is digitalisation. The collection, processing and use of medical data is driving research and revolutionising treatments. This ensures that we all live healthier, for longer and live a better life. gematik's mission is to make sure that we strongly drive this process forward in Germany and help to constructively shape it. The digitalisation strategy of the Federal Ministry of Health is leading the way here. With an Electronic Patient Record (ePA) for all, health data will become accessible. This will not only provide doctors with important access to information, but also researchers. Digitalisation will therefore enable optimal care at the individual level and helps us to better treat illnesses in the long term.

## gematik's tasks

### Defining and enforcing standards

gematik is putting framework conditions in place to ensure an efficient and digital health infrastructure in Germany. It has overall responsibility for the central platform in the German healthcare system – the telematics infrastructure (TI). By defining and enforcing binding standards in relation to services, components and applications, gematik ensures that the telematics infrastructure is and will remain secure, robust and user-friendly.



### Development of digital services

What is just as important as binding standards, is making sure that core services are always available in all locations to all actors and that they reliably fulfil all legal and technical requirements. gematik identifies core services such as these and guarantees that they are provided and available. This lowers costs and effort, facilitates their use and promotes innovation.

### Mediation and advice

gematik does not just view itself as an institution that enforces standards and provides services. As the National Digital Health Agency, it also takes on a mediating, moderating and consulting role. It is simultaneously a centre of excellence and the coordinating body for interoperability, making sure that there is smooth digital collaboration between different health care institutions.



# Quality through collaboration

## Quality and safety

The services provided by gematik are intended to be of a high level of quality and security. This is why it relies on close and ongoing exchanges with developer communities and manufacturers so that any faults and weak points can be recognised and resolved at an early stage.

## Transparency and collaboration

A specific focus at gematik when designing the digital health infrastructure is openness, transparency and collaboration. This is demonstrated, including other things, by the open source culture: gematik's products and services are increasingly based on open source licences and open source code.

## Dialogues and user orientation

gematik actively remains in touch and holds discussions with all stakeholders: industry, science, politics, health insurance companies, health professionals, IT experts and data protection experts. This places gematik in a central role so that they can continue to advance and help shape the digitisation process within the healthcare sector for the benefit of everyone.



## gematik: active dialogue with numerous actors

