Who we are

The European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants (EFCNI) is the first pan-European organisation and network to represent the interests of preterm and newborn infants and their families.

It gathers together parents, healthcare experts from different disciplines, and scientists with the common goal of improving long-term health of preterm and newborn children by ensuring the best possible prevention, treatment, care and support.

Dr. med. Till Dresbach, Senior physician at the University Hospital of Bonn and EFCNI Bodyguard

„As a neonatologist I know how important it is for our smallest patients to have a strong advocacy group - like EFCNI. Silke Mader and her team do an outstanding job representing the interests of preterm and newborn infants and their families. Their limitless enthusiasm is infectious to many people. To support their dedicated work, my team and I donated parts of the proceeds from our project of the heart “Kindernotfallbox“ (Children's emergency box) to EFCNI“.

Every baby has the right for the best start in life. Your donation counts!

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Despeena, born at 24 weeks weighing 820 grams

EFCONI Donation Programme
1 baby in 10 is born premature. Worldwide.

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Our children are our future

Giving our children the best start in life is both, a task and an obligation for our society. The right environment, care and support for the babies and their parents from the first moment on and during the early years make a crucial difference to a child’s good health and life.

Every baby has the right for the best start in life. Preterm and ill born babies and their families at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) need highly developed technological medical devices as well as the best patient-room size situation and special trained staff in sufficient number. In many countries, also in Europe, these vital basics are unfortunately still absent in many hospitals.

EFCNI assists hospitals to provide physical as well as psychological support for parents to bond with their children.

EFCNI supports different international, certified, evidence based training and education programmes that focus on the philosophy of family-centred care.

EFCNI offers substantial, targeted information to affected parents and families as well as to interested parties (free download).

Thanks to your donation, EFCNI is able to help

There are many ways to make donations. Find out which one is the most suitable for you:

**Donate now: single donations**

With one single donation you will improve the situation for preterm and ill born babies in many ways. Every donation, big or small, helps us to provide support where it is needed most.

**Become a Member of the I-Care Programme**

With a monthly donation or with a one-time annual donation of at least 50 Euros you become a member of the EFCNI I-Care Programme. Your non-earmarked donation will be used for our donation projects in Europe and worldwide.

**Become a Bodyguard**

With a donation of 1,000 Euros or more you can become a Bodyguard for the smallest children. If you wish, you can also implement your very own project.

**Donations for a special occasion**

Joyful moments but also sad occasions are part of everyone’s life. These moments can be reason to think about people in need.

**Corporate Giving**

Donate the proceeds of your corporate event to EFCNI and demonstrate your social commitment.

Your support makes a difference

No matter how big or small, every donation does make a difference to what we can achieve for our preterm and ill born babies and their families around the world!

**Examples:**

- **Kangaroo chairs for the tiniest in Kyrgyzstan**

  In a paediatric clinic in Kyrgyzstan, there was - until November 2016 - no protected area for mothers to give their preterm babies warmth and parental love. These chairs are the first and only chairs of its kind in the whole country.

- **Training of a paediatric hospital team in Germany**

  This Bodyguard project allowed a training of the neonatal intensive care team of a children’s hospital in Germany in family centred developmentally supportive care.

- **Parent rooms in children’s hospitals across Europe**

  Furnishing of a parent room in hospitals for example in Germany or Serbia.