



FIVE-STAR HEALTH



Swiss Medical Network clinics provide first-class hospital treatment, care and assistance to patients from Switzerland and abroad. With an eye regarding comfort.

Swiss Medical Network, a leading group of private clinics located in all three of the country's main language regions, extends to 16 private institutions in Switzerland, which employ 1,800 affiliated doctors and 3,000 staff members. In its clinics, which have almost 1,000 beds, over 50,000 surgeries are carried out annually.

The first Swiss Medical Network clinic, founded in 1972 in Canton Vaud, is the Clinique de Genolier, one of the largest private healthcare facilities in Switzerland, with almost 120 beds and 140 doctors.

Its building and further healthcare related properties are situated in an area known as „La Joy“ above the village of Genolier, in the middle of large crop fields. The total site area comprises 57'689m2. Characteristic for the site are the marvellous views over Lake Geneva and the Alps and the sense of peace that this bucolic landscape inspires.

The Clinique de Genolier provides

specialised assistance and adequate medical support, advanced technology, an experienced medical team and first-class hotel services. A Presidential Suite and junior suite worthy of the best 5 star hotels and a gourmet restaurant guarantee an exceptional level of hospitality for the patients. The structure has built a solid repu-



tation in treating cancer through its department of Radio-oncology, among the most modern in Europe. It is also the first institution to offer intra-operative radiotherapy (IORT), an innovative treatment for breast cancer. With a modern medical imaging department, the clinic excels in general, digestive, orthopedic and plastic

surgery. Gynaecology, neurology and cardiology are other specialities. All patients, irrespective of insurance coverage, can benefit from specialist consultations, outpatient services and laboratory examinations.

For the last four years the clinic has been hosting an international medical symposium of visceral surgery that brings together the top specialists active in this field with the aim of presenting the latest developments in the field of therapies and technologies related to digestive system disorders. A valuable opportunity to update, exchange experiences and network. Dr. Francesco Volonté, FMH specialist in surgery and health director of the Clinica Sant'Anna di Sorengo, as well as one of the organisers of the symposium, emphasizes the approach:

Previous page, above, the first Swiss Medical Network clinic, the Clinique de Genolier, founded in 1972 in Canton Vaud.

Previous page, below, the Clinica Sant'Anna, in Sorengo, one of the two clinics in Canton Ticino affiliated to the Swiss Medical Network group.

Right, Dr. Francesco Volonté, FMH specialist in surgery and health director of the Clinica Sant'Anna.

«We decided to treat a whole series of problems related to the abdomen, its disorders, using the most advanced technologies to treat them. The convergence of knowledge of different specialists, synergies and cross-discipline, as well as the acquisition of new technologies, are increasingly important». The machinery described during the last symposium, held on 4th May in the surgery of Dr. Luigi Boni of the University of Milan, immunofluorescence specialist, that allows the use of specific dyes in surgery, able to provide information on the metabolism of the tissues that the surgeon manipulates – such as the colon, the intestine or the rectum – in real time during the operation.

«Everything related to endoscopic surgery and which provides additional information about what people have today, is being readily adopted by us» points out Francesco Volonté. «It is in the interest of all to have advanced technologies to improve the working conditions of the surgeon and the quality of life of the patient. They are simple to use, reduce complications, why not use them?»

Clinica Sant'anna, known since its foundation thanks to its popular maternity department, where almost 900 babies are born every year, is one of



the two clinics in canton Ticino affiliated to the Swiss Medical Network group (as well as Ars Medica in Gravesano, the foremost center in Ticino for orthopedic surgery and traumatology of the musculoskeletal system). It also offers a wide range of health care disciplines: women's health, oncology, internal medicine, general surgery, plastic surgery, reconstructive and cosmetic surgery, and a Nescens Centre for Preventive Medicine. Michela Pfyffer von Altshofen, Director at Sant'Anna Clinic, affirms: «Our renowned health facility, the extensive experience of medical and nursing staff, available technologies, hotel services, and personalized attention to each patients' needs are our key strengths».

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LA SALUTE A CINQUE STELLE

Fondata nel 1972, la Clinique de Genolier è la struttura di punta del Gruppo Swiss Medical Network. Con quasi 120 posti letto e 140 medici, è una delle più grandi cliniche private in Svizzera. Fornisce assistenza specializzata e adeguato sostegno medico, tecnologia avanzata, un team medico esperto e servizi alberghieri di prima classe.

CINQ ÉTOILES DE SANTÉ

Fondata in 1972, la Clinique de Genolier est l'établissement phare de Swiss Medical Network. Avec près de 120 lits et 140 médecins, il s'agit d'une des cliniques privées les plus grandes de Suisse. Elle offre des soins médicaux spécialisés et adaptés, une technologie de pointe, une équipe médicale expérimentée et des services hôteliers de premier ordre.