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Services for Theaters in the Federal Republic of Germany

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1. In the Federal Republic of Germany there are 3 different services for theaters:

A service in internal medicine in larger theaters or opera-houses.

A theater physician in service to the public of all theater performances.

Only a consultant service of oto-rhinolaryngology in larger theaters and some opera houses.

The theater physicians are mostly internists.

The theater physicians are not employed by the theater. They get their honorar by the social security system (Krankenkasse) or they write private bills.

The social security system (Krankenkasse) pays for the medical care of singers and actors. Very prominent singers and actors get private bills.

Employed singers and actors are required to have a check-up and chest X-ray once a year.

The yearly examination is general. Laryngological examinations are not required.

In the doctor's room of the residence theater (large opera house) facility is provided for laryngologic examinations. The other two opera houses and all other theaters do not mention such facilities.

The relations between the theater administrations and the physicians are mainly good.

The relations between laryngologists and voice coaches are mainly not sufficient.