In 1993 the department was among the first centres in Europe certified by the EBU Residency Review Committee. A successful re-certification was issued in 2000 and, most recently, in 2008. One professor, six board certified urologists and one molecular biologist supervise 12 residents at different stages of their clinical and research training.

The residents take part in a structured rotating programme with a logbook-based documentation system developed by the German Society of Residents in Urology (GeSRU) in collaboration with the German Association of Urology (DGU) (www.germanresidents-urology.de). The programme comprises not only basic mandatory (e.g. imaging of the urinary tract, endoscopy, urodynamics) but also individual modules (e.g. paediatric urology) adapted to the special interests of the trainees.

To ensure an efficient evaluation programme, training progress (specific diagnostic, interventional and surgical skills) and personal performance (soft skills, interaction with patients, cooperation with staff) are formally assessed twice every year by a resident's mentor or a programme director whilst allowing continuous adjustment of training objectives.

All residents are obliged to take part in two supervised ward rounds every day and a grand round per week, a daily X-ray conference, and the presentation of all surgical cases scheduled for the following day. Moreover, there are educational cases from the Department of Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology, interdisciplinary conferences with the uro-radiology section, point-of-care laboratory and a daily ward round conference. In the weekly staff meeting to discuss the analysis of morbidity and mortality, a journal club and regular updates of national and international guidelines.

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