

Tillotts Pharma in Germany dedicated to gastrointestinal health

Tillotts Pharma is strengthening its presence in the German market: the Berlin office was opened in January 2017 under the management of Magdalena Kritikos. The portfolio includes Entocort® for the treatment of Crohn's disease, Asacol® for the treatment of ulcerative colitis, and VistaPrep® for bowel preparation before endoscopy. With further innovative solutions, the Swiss specialty pharmaceutical company focused on the treatment of gastrointestinal (GI) diseases will expand its global footprint with its growing presence in Germany and will continue to work to improve the quality of life for patients.

Berlin, 22 February 2017. Tillotts Pharma GmbH began its activities in the heart of the capital in January this year. Magdalena Kritikos, with many years' experience in pharmaceutical management and now the general manager of Tillotts Pharma in Germany, says: "We will be building up to a 20-strong team over the next few months. Half the members are already on board. We are looking forward to working with our customers and providing them with active support in the field of gastrointestinal health."

Tillotts Pharma has been dedicated to the health of the digestive system for more than 30 years offering its products in more than 65 countries. "Our key strengths are prescription medicines for the treatment of chronic inflammatory bowel diseases," explains Magdalena Kritikos. "And we are continuing to develop our portfolio of innovative treatment solutions to improve the quality of life for patients. Our pipeline is well filled, so that we are well prepared for the future." Today, the Tillotts Pharma GmbH portfolio includes Entocort®, a treatment for Crohn's disease, Asacol®, a treatment for ulcerative colitis, and VistaPrep® for bowel cleansing prior to colonoscopy.

Studies have shown that the number of patients with chronic inflammatory bowel disease is increasing¹. Between 320,000² and 470,000³ people are affected in Germany alone, with more than five million sufferers worldwide⁴. "Young people between the ages of 16 and 35 are particularly affected by these complex diseases, which are often associated with diarrhoea, cramp-like abdominal pain and considerable negative impact on both professional and private life⁵," adds Magdalena Kritikos. "We want

¹ Molodecky NA, et al.: Increasing incidence and prevalence of the inflammatory bowel diseases with time, based on systematic review. *Gastroenterology* 2012; 142: 46–54; [Gastroenterology](#)

² Bokemeyer B: CED-Behandlung in Deutschland. *Der Gastroenterologe* 2007, 2: 447-455; [Der Gastroenterologe](#)

³ Stallmach A et al.: Die chronisch-entzündlichen Darmerkrankungen Morbus Cohn and Colitis ulcerosa. *Gesundheitswesen aktuell* 2012, 286-309; [Barmer GEK](#)

⁴ Kaplan G: The global burden of IBD: from 2015 to 2025. *Nature Reviews Gastroenterology & Hepatology* 2015, 12, 720–727, [nature](#)

⁵ www.kompetenznetz-ced.de/darmerkrankungen.html

to actively contribute by broadening the therapeutic options so that patients and their families can lead as normal lives as possible."

The development, production, and worldwide marketing of medicines for treating the GI tract is coordinated by Tillotts Pharma AG in Rheinfelden, Switzerland. The company, which belongs to the Japanese Zeria group, is actively engaged in dialogue with medical professionals and sponsors continuing medical education for doctors, e.g. the educational symposium during the European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation (ECCO) Congress which took place on 17 February 2017 in Barcelona.



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Dedicated to GI health: Magdalena Kritikos, General Manager of Tillotts Pharma GmbH in Berlin.

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