Trusted Partner

What started as a dermatological CRO in 1994 is today a clinical research service provider with an unmatched range of methodology, equipment and highly dedicated scientific experts.

proDERM was founded in 1994 by Klaus-P. Wilhelm, MD, Professor of Dermatology, a renowned specialist in dermatopharmacology and dermatotoxicology.

With the motto 'Dedicated to Skin', the proDERM research team has been dedicated since then, body and soul, to conducting clinical dermatological studies.

This clear focus has been expanded over the years by other core areas such as the indications of ophthalmology, oral hygiene and hair care. Nevertheless, even after almost 20 years of work, proDERM stands primarily for one thing: Continuity!

Continuous growth, continuous leadership, continuous independence - last but not least a continuously expanding scientific methods of highest quality.
Full Service

From early phase consulting until archiving of study data - we are the professional, flexible, and trustworthy partner for your development project.

proDERM covers all aspects of a clinical trial. Thus, customers have the opportunity to individually define the type and scope of the desired service from our range of services.

Cooperation usually starts with the development of an optimal study design and continues with obtaining the regulatory approval. After suitable patients or volunteers are recruited and the study is conducted in our clinical unit, the project is finalized by Data Management, Statistics and Medical Writing.

Regardless of the type and scope of the project, with a total of 95 employees, we always assure that there is a substitute for all functions. With that we can react with high flexibility to the needs of our customers, even in times of high workload.
Providing Professional Solutions

Dedicated experts, innovative equipment and experience are the success ingredients of the professional solutions we offer for both individual and standard study objectives.

We combine our passion for clinical research with our approach towards quality. For this reason, proDERM stands not only for dedication, but also for professionalism, scientific methods and innovation.

This is the foundation of our daily work, in which the needs of our customers take center stage. This is also our impetus for continuously striving for improvement.

There are no differences made. Whether a top ten global player, a medium-sized enterprise or a startup, whether a standard test or an individual study design – our principles are applied to all projects at all times.
proDERM conducts clinical phase I/IIa trials for pharmaceuticals, medical devices, cosmetics, food supplements and consumer products.

In most cases, it is a matter of proving the tolerability or efficacy of topically applied products. Systemically acting products are also investigated as long as the primary target criteria are the effects on the skin or mucous membrane.

With the proDERM Pharma and proDERM Cosmetics departments, proDERM is embracing the fact that the regulatory environment and thus the conditions for a clinical trial vary greatly depending on the product to be tested.

Under the direction of Dr. Reinhold Gahlmann, proDERM Pharma investigates in predominantly monocentric trials:
- the local tolerability of topical medicines
- the bioequivalence of corticosteroids
- the efficacy of drugs or topical medical devices in proof-of-concept studies.

At the same time, proDERM Pharma has a network of qualified investigators in clinics and practices for multi-center studies.

Stefan Bielfeldt and his team in the proDERM Cosmetics Division focus on the tolerability and proof of efficacy of cosmetics, food supplements and consumer products.
Experienced, Innovative, One of a Kind

The multitude of innovative technologies (i.e. Raman Spectroscopy) and the extensive knowledge of our researchers to apply these techniques make us a one of a kind CRO.

Our technical equipment goes far beyond known standards and is unique in the global CRO landscape. Thus, we are, for example, one of the few institutes that can offer the non-invasive technologies of confocal microscopy and Raman spectroscopy in combination.

At the same time, we set benchmarks by our own developments. With our USR-CliP (Unit for Standardized and Reproducible Clinical Photography), we can, for example, achieve a high level of reproducibility and color fidelity in clinical photography. Our MacIS (Macroscopic Imaging System), on the other hand, allows unparalleled standardized macro photography.

In our tests, we combine the various technologies in a validated environment and can thus present our sponsors with undreamt of solutions.

- 3D Scanners for Profilometry
- In-vivo Confocal Microscopy
- In-vivo Confocal Raman Spectroscopy
- Clinical Photography
- IR Thermography
- Laser Perfusion Imaging
- Radiometers
- Videomicroscopy
- UV Radiation Devices
- Force Meters
Comprehensive Quality Management and ISO Certification

Our service is of high quality, and we attach great importance to this. It is therefore not surprising that our quality management system goes far beyond the standards and we are the first German dermatological CRO to have received ISO certification.

Compliance with ethical standards, current legal requirements and standards, the assurance of credible and valid data, reliable compliance with target dates and, last but not least, the continuous improvement of our products and services are aspects that we emphasize in our quality management system.

Our system of standard operating procedures, quality control, qualification and training has proven itself in audits by customers and authorities, and is certified according to ISO 9001.
100 Years of Clinical Research Experience

Make use of our problem-solving capabilities and go the right path from the very beginning.

You are not going the way of the standards but are blazing a new trail with your product. Your innovative formulations require a pioneering spirit and scientific excellence of the clinical implementation. Your product offers properties that cannot be proven by conventional methods.

Institute founder Prof. Dr. Klaus-P. Wilhelm and the senior consultant team with Dr. Reinhold Gahlmann, Stefan Bielfeldt and Dr. Dorothea Wilhelm will steer your project in the desired direction from the very start with their over 100 years of combined experience. In addition, you will be taken care of by experts who, with experience from more than 6,000 studies and over 30,000 examined products, will hold the steering wheel firmly in their hand and accompany you on your way with advice and action to solve even the greatest challenges.

Because of our extensive inventory of technical equipment, you will benefit from a maximum of flexibility and methods developed explicitly for your project.

- Comprehensive publications
- Comprehensive academic network
- Close contacts to responsible authorities
- Active in national and international working scientific groups and societies
Beyond Phase I: Hospitals and Dermatologic Offices

Master the multicenter challenge with the proDERM network of qualified investigators.

The distinctive idea of service, the passion for clinical research, the demands for quality and professionalism - our test centers have been qualified in multiple ways in order to be included in our network of clinical testing facilities.

As the primary responsible CRO, we will gladly support your project with this established network through and beyond phase I in the multicenter phases of development. Of course, the multicenter study can also be the start of our collaboration.

Whether starting or continuing a successful cooperation, we assume the following tasks:

- Creating the test protocol
- Obtaining the regulatory approvals and ethics opinions
- Organization of the investigator’s meeting
- Training & evaluator calibration
- Site initiation
- Monitoring
- Data management
- Statistics
- Report writing

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