

# Eye Centre Erfurt

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Eye Center Erfurt celebrates three decades of commitment and exceptional ophthalmic care this year. The combined expertise of Dr. Antje Röckl and Dr. Andreas Neugebauer has propelled the clinic to the forefront of eye care in Thuringia, Germany, offering innovative treatments and personalized care to their patients.

The clinic has a rich history of providing exceptional eye care in the region. It all started in 1993 when Dr. Smidt founded the clinic in Weimar, before later relocating to Erfurt. This was three years after the reunification to one German country. Before this time, during the GDR era, everything was state-owned, and the vast majority of surgeries were only performed in hospitals. Dr. Smidt's step to establish a clinic after those challenging times was groundbreaking. 'We've come a long way since then,' shares Dr. Röckl. 'Now it's the opposite. Only a few cataract surgeries are done in the hospital, and most of them are done in private practices.'

Over the years, the clinic has grown in stature, attracting skilled surgeons and dedicated medical professionals to join its ranks. Dr. Smidt retired in 2019, passing the torch to Dr. Röckl and Dr. Neugebauer, who have carried on the clinic's legacy of excellence.

What distinguishes Eye Center Erfurt is the seamless processes that have been meticulously developed over the years and the harmonious work atmosphere. Dr. Röckl reflects on this: 'We have a grown structure and extensive experience, enabling us to achieve fast and efficient processes, resulting in a remarkably optimized workflow.' Dr. Neugebauer adds, 'We always do the same thing every day, ensuring consistency and delivering high-quality care. It is hard work to maintain this level of dedication, but it is what makes us successful.' Dr. Röckl also emphasizes the importance of their team, saying, 'We function exceptionally well as a team, and that creates a strong foundation and a positive work environment. It is crucial and very important. And patients notice this too. It gives them confidence in us.' The optimization efforts extend beyond people and processes to the clinic's floorplan. In 2013, a renovation project was undertaken, which included the establishment of a dedicated room for patient preparation and streamlined postoperative care. The renovation was carefully planned and executed by Dr. Smidt and Dr. Neugebauer, further contributing to the clinic's overall success.

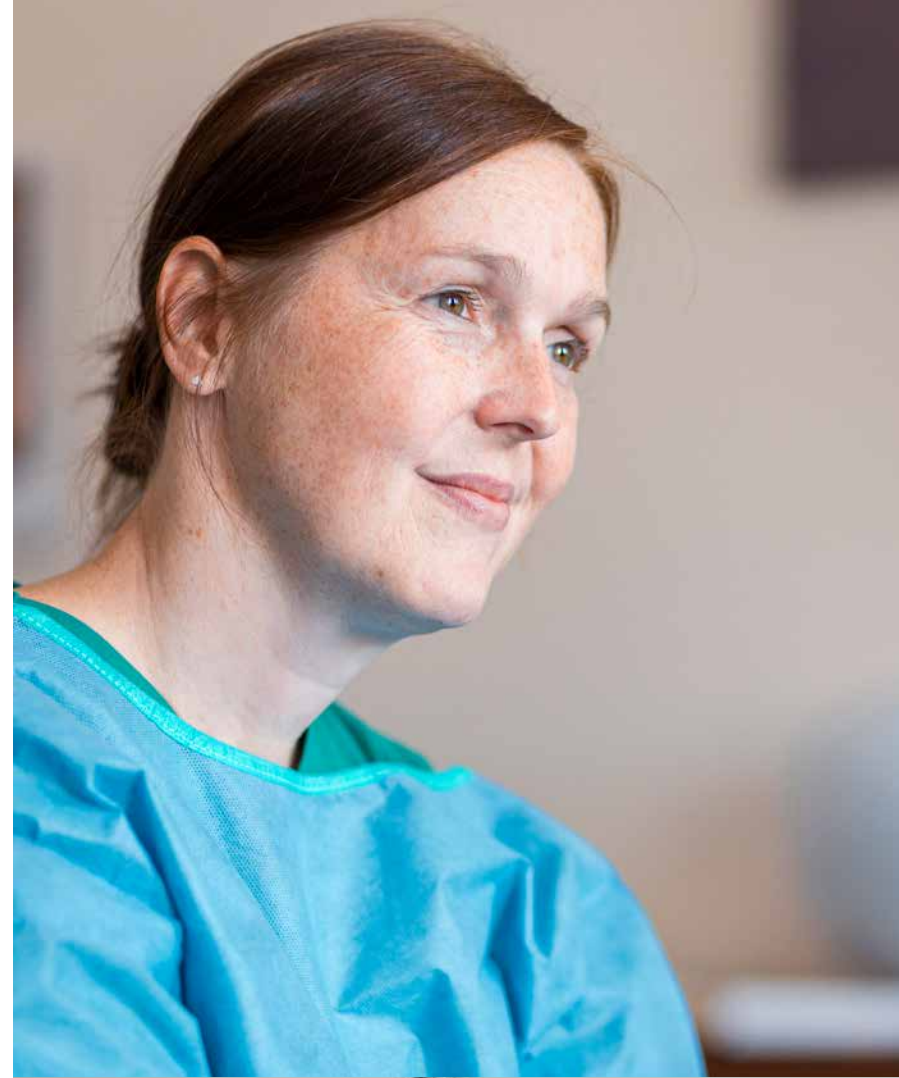
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Their well-established routine allows for individualized procedures, ensuring that each patient receives personalized attention within

the clinic's framework. Dr. Röckl expresses her pride in the presence of numerous talented young doctors at the clinic, who exhibit genuine enthusiasm and exceptional skills. 'I'm truly proud of our young doctors, who are dedicated to providing personalized treatment. They establish meaningful connections with our patients, going beyond the treatments and IOLs. Their interactions make a difference.'

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Looking ahead, Dr. Röckl and Dr. Neugebauer recognize the importance of staying updated with emerging trends and advancements in ophthalmology. Eye Center Erfurt is strategically positioned in Erfurt. There is an increasing shift towards outpatient care in Germany as a whole. Dr. Röckl emphasizes their advantageous location: 'Our location in Erfurt is exceptional, allowing us to cater to the needs of our patients in Thuringia.' Dr. Neugebauer adds, 'Our future plans include expanding our refractive surgery offerings, providing patients with a wider range of high-quality vision options. We are committed to continuing our tradition of personalized care that goes beyond standard procedures, ensuring our patients receive the utmost attention and satisfaction.'



## Background

Dr. Neugebauer joined the clinic in 2009 and collaborated with Dr. Smidt in performing cataract surgeries. In 2014, Dr. Röckl also joined the clinic, the same year they started to implant multifocal lenses. Eye Centre Erfurt has a long-standing history of providing refractive surgery services. Starting from 2021, the Eye Clinic Erfurt has partnered with Ophtec to utilize cutting-edge technologies such as the Robomarker, Ringject, Artisan Aphakia, and IOLmatic. And we are proud to contribute to the ongoing development of refractive surgery with the use of premium IOLs.

