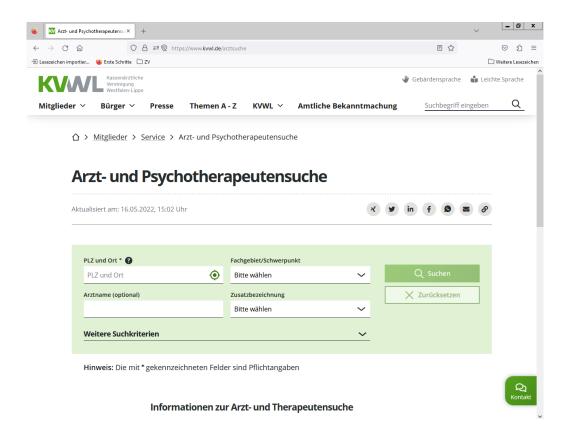
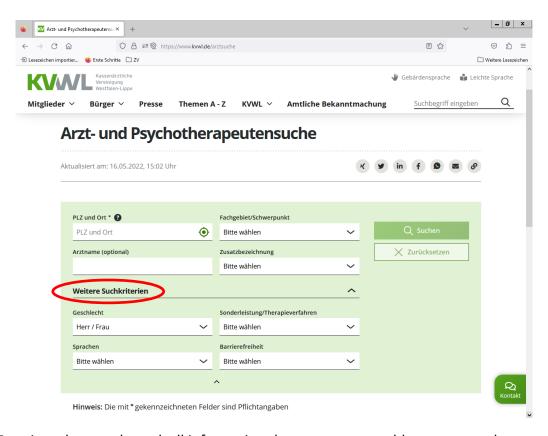
How to find a doctor in Siegen and surrounding area:

- Go to: https://www.kvwl.de/arztsuche
- The following search mask opens up:



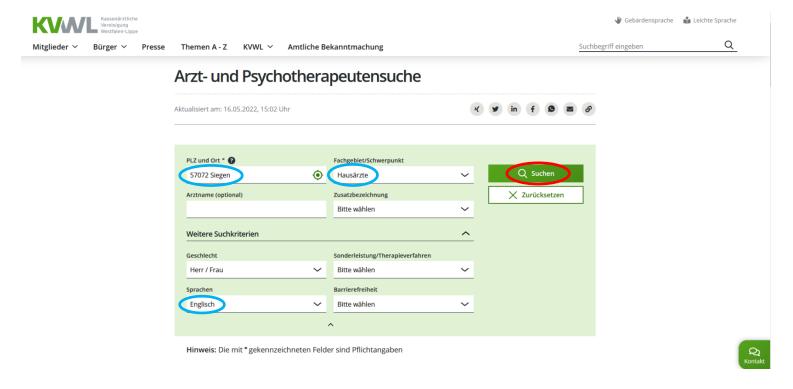
- Type into the search mask all necessary information:
 - PLZ und Ort = postcode and city
 - Artzname (optional) = name of the doctor (only relevant when you got a recommendation for a specific doctor and are looking for the contact data)
 - Fachgebiet/ Schwerpunkt = field of expertise/ focus → open the drop down menu and choose what you are looking for
 - "Hausärzte": general practioner, "normal" doctor; when you got sick (e.g. flu); hands out prescriptions for medicaments and refers to specialists (→ watch as well the video "How a medical appointment in Germany works")
 - "Augenheilkunde": ophthalmologist (eye doctor)
 - "Frauenheilkunde und Geburtshilfe": gynaecologists (very often only relevant for women)
 - "Hals-, Nasen-, Ohrenkunde": doctor who is specialized on diseases that affect throat, nose and ears

- "Haut- und Geschlechtskrankheiten": skin diseases and sexually transmitted diseases
- "Urologie": urologist (very often only relevant for men)
- "Psychologische Psychotherapie": psychotherapist → see our other tutorial "How to find a psychotherapist in Siegen and surrounding area" (click on our website on "mental health")
- → In case of insecurities: ask your general practioner
- **Zusatzbezeichnung** = additional designation → can be skipped
- You need to click on "weitere Suchkriterien" (= further searching criterias) when you
 would like to specialize your search furthermore (e.g. finding an english speaking doctor
 or even somebody how speaks your mother tongue):



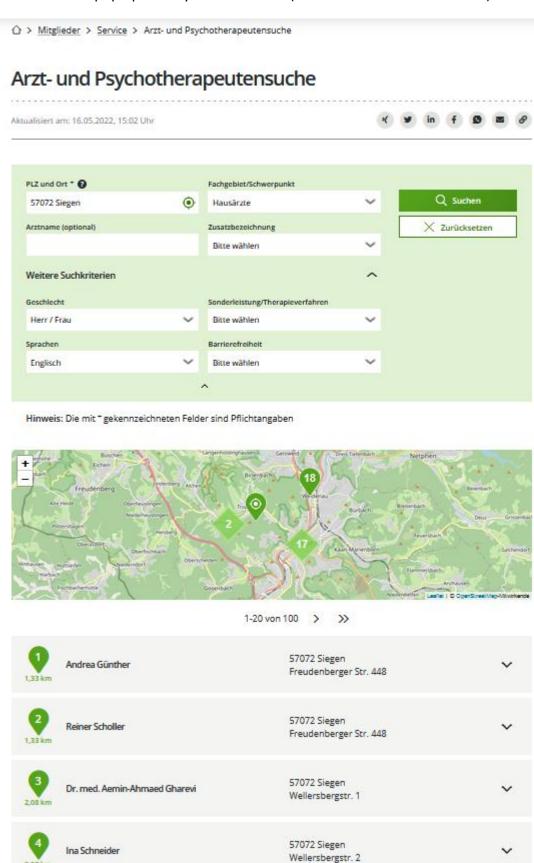
- Type into the search mask all information that you want to add to your search:
 - Geschlecht = gender of the doctor you're searching for (if that's relevant for you)
 - Sprachen = languages
 - Sonderleistung/ Therapieverfahren = specialization of the therapy type → can be skipped

- Barrierefreiheit* = barrier-free accessibility (for further information go to the end of the document)
- Example of a possible search:

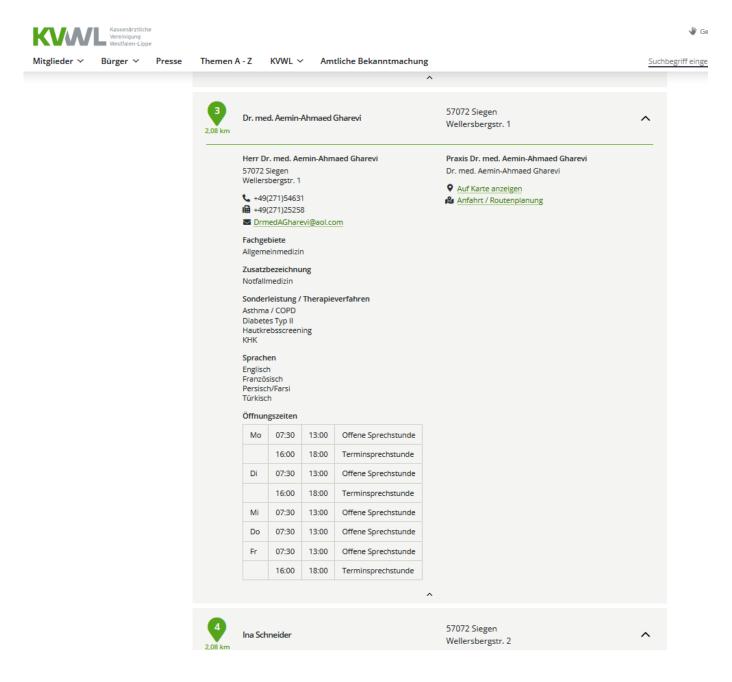


Click on "Suchen" (=search)

• The results pop up when you scroll down (which can look similiar to this):



Choose one and click on it:



- O You can now extract all necessary information: adress, contact data, type of specialization (Allgemeinmedizin general medicine → general practioner) and languages.
- Sometimes the "Öffnungszeiten" (opening times) are listed as well as the "offene Sprechstunde" (open consultation hours) or "Terminsprechstunde" (appointment consultation).
 - In every case you should call the doctor you want to visit beforehand and should ask for an appointment (e.g. when you want to see a doctor because you caught a cold).
- When you need an appointment at a specialists you often need to wait many weeks (Germany is facing a shortage of medical staff).

- o **In case of emergeny: call 112.** Ambulance is free in Germany but only in case of emergency (!!).
 - Example: A flu is not an emergeny, but when someone breaks their leg or loses conciousness, you should call 112. The person who answers the call will explain what to do in an emergency until the ambulance arrives.

Looking for a psychotherapist? See our other tutorial "How to find a psychotherapist in Siegen and surrounding area" (click on our website on "mental health").

*Extra: Barrierefreiheit = barrier-free accessibility

- Aufzug barrierefrei = elevator barrier-free
- Behindertenparkplatz = disabled parking
- Induktive Höranlage = inductive hearing system
- Orientierungshilfe für Sehbehinderte = orientation aid for the visually impaired
- Sanitäranalgen behindertengerecht = sanitary facilities handicapped accessible
- Stufenloser Zugang = no stairs
- Terminvereinbarung per Fax, Email = appointments by fax, email
- Treppen behindertengeeignet = stairs handicapped accessible
- Umkleidekabine groß = large changing room
- Untersuchungsmöbel höhenverstellbar = height-adjustable examination furniture