



# **Health of the *Sans Papiers*** **Medical aid for undocumented migrants**

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# Needed health services

- GP service
- Hospital care
- Pregnancy checkups, delivery and follow-ups
- Psychotherapy
- Medication and medical supplies
- Pediatric checkups
- Dental treatment
- Routine lab exams
- Treatment of infectious diseases

# Medical care

Medical treatment is usually guaranteed to every person by law

but:

bureaucratic hurdles, the threat of deportation and illegalization prevents people from receiving basic health services

# Legal basis

## **Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Art. 25:**

- (1) Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control.
- (2) Motherhood and childhood are entitled to special care and assistance. All children, whether born in or out of wedlock, shall enjoy the same social protection.

# Legal basis

- International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, Art 5
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Art 12 (1)
- Convention on the Rights of the Child, Art 24(1), 25, 39
- European Social Charter Art 13
- ECHR – Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, Art 3. 291

# Medical care

Undocumented migrants have several options:

Risking deportation by using state services

Paying for private doctor services

Finding NGOs that help them



## **MediNetz Düsseldorf**

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Taking a history



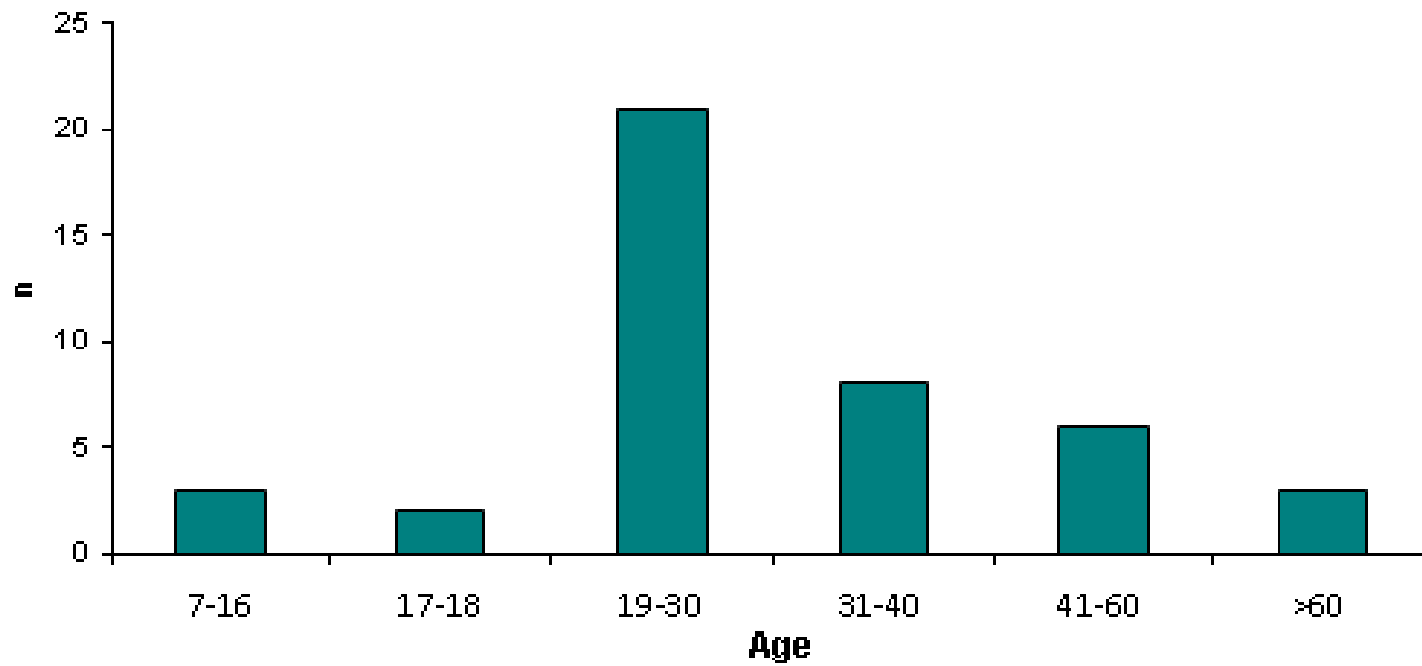
Examining a patient





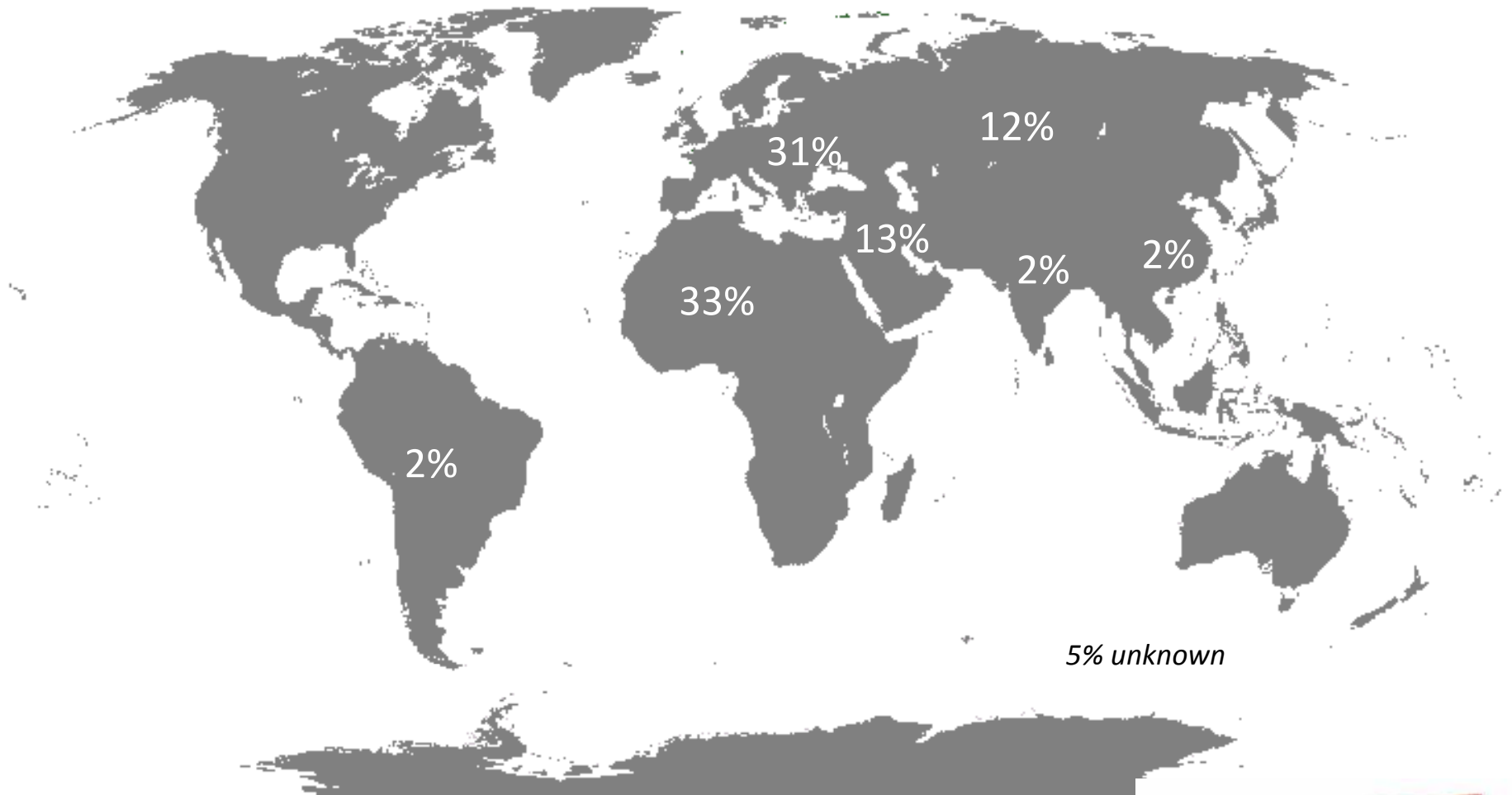
Monthly Meeting of the MediNetz





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## Origin of our patients (July 2008 – May 2010)



Africa: 33%

South America: 2%

Middle East: 13%

India: 2%

CIS: 12%

Asia: 2%

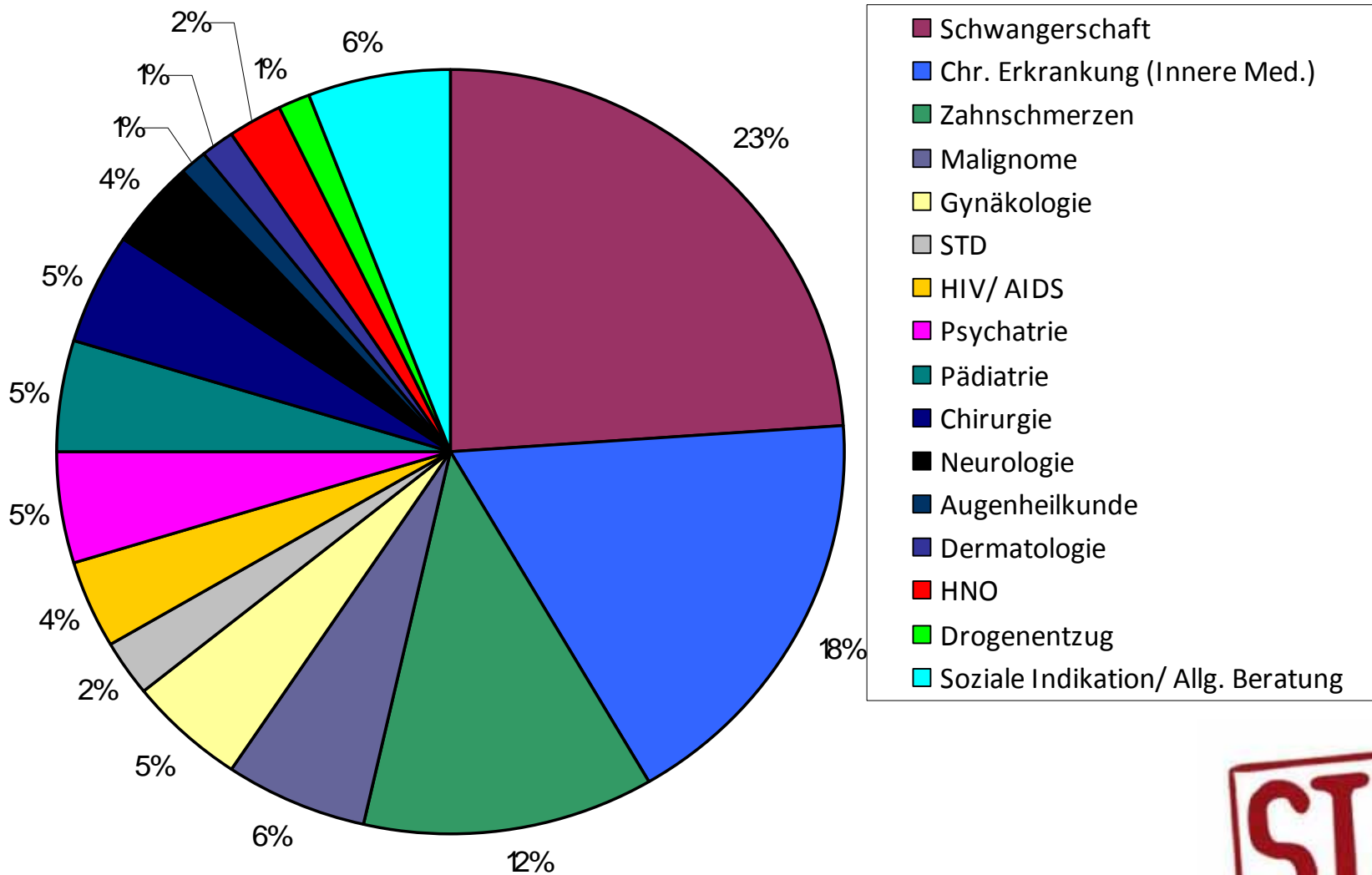
Eastern Europe: 31%

Unknown 5%





# Gründe der Vorstellung (Juli 2008 - Mai 2010), relativ



# Deportation



At least six people who visited our MediNetz have since been arrested and deported.

The exact number is probably much higher.



# stay! babys



Admir (6 months) and his mother Drita in front of the stay! office

8 stay! Babys have already been born

7 are currently under way...



You shall know that no one is illegal. It is a contradiction in itself. People can be beautiful or even more beautiful. They may be just or unjust. But illegal? How can someone be illegal?

*Elie Wiesel*

