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## Breathtaking mountain panorama with excellent treatment perspectives

Treatment for sports injuries with the APERTO Lucent 0.4T in the emergency medical facility in Lech am Arlberg.

### In Good Hands **Fast**

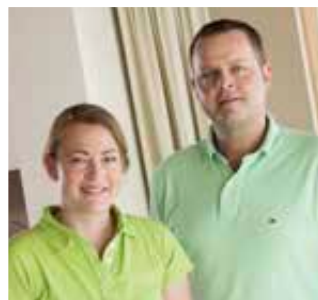
Hardly an orthopedic surgeon is as close to his patients as Dr. Nicholas Rhomberg. He could theoretically see the falls and accidents on the end of the piste that turn happy winter athletes into broken patients. After receiving primary emergency care, patients can be transferred to the medical facility located about 1 km away if necessary.

„Because, as with all sports injuries, quick help and professional care can be a deciding factor," explains Dr. Rhomberg, who also happens to be a passionate winter athlete.

This is the conclusion Dr. Rhomberg's grandfather came to years prior when he laid the foundation for the emergency medical facility in 1950. Thousands of winter sports patients and 60 years later, Dr. Rhomberg carries on where his grandfather left off with the knowledge and expertise of three generations.

### From the Slopes **Straight to the Treatment Room**

A sports accident on vacation not only causes physical pain but is also a heavy blow to the psyche of many patients. In addition to the abrupt end to the long-awaited vacation, the fear of receiving care far from home from a stranger's hands can be especially daunting. That is why, Dr. Rhomberg and his staff of twelve do their best so that each patient is not only back on their feet as quickly as possible but also feels they are in great hands and receiving the best care possible.



Astrid Rhomberg and Dr. Nikolaus Rhomberg





This service consists of a complete care package that ranges from primary care, transport and treatment, right through to handling billing with the insurance company. It includes advanced diagnostics and individual therapy and is rounded off by spectacular architecture that provides a feel-good factor in one of the most beautiful mountain landscapes in Europe.

The focus is on the medical expertise and state-of-the-art equipment.

„The demands that skiers place on the quality of their equipment on the piste, are the same demands we place on our emergency medical facility,“ Dr. Rhomberg points out.

That is why the team’s basic principles are:

- fast, flexible, advanced—supported by state-of-the-art technology
- personal and familiar—because a comfortable atmosphere helps patients recover faster
- holistic and sustainable—for effective successful care

Dr. Rhomberg’s high expectations he places on himself and his team as well as standards to make therapeutic decisions based on the latest developments in diagnostics, prompted him to choose the APERTO Lucent, the open-sided MRI by Hitachi Medical Systems.



## Accurate Diagnostics under the Best Conditions

Since December 2013, the emergency medical facility has been using the top-of-the-line APERTO unit. The open-sided MRI combines the highest image quality with maximum comfort. „An accident on the slopes that is a shock associated with pain for many patients. That is why we want to make treatment as pleasant an experience as possible.“ This is indeed not only reflected in the open architecture but also in the choice of MRI: The panoramic view, the comfortable patient table, and easy access make examination a pleasant experience without the use of X-rays.

However, the high level of patient comfort is just one of the aspects that convinced Dr. Rhomberg to choose the APERTO Lucent.

„My last MRI by Hitachi was also completely safe and reliable. Most of all, I am deeply impressed by the excellent image quality the APERTO Lucent offers which matches that of a 1.5 T unit. It thus truly paves the way for successful examination even with complex procedures when planning operations“, explains Dr. Rhomberg.

The APERTO Lucent completes the range of advanced diagnostic capabilities at the emergency medical facility in Lech am Arlberg and reaffirms its philosophy that patients’ needs always come first. Because „our patients should take away great memories from their vacation despite an accident,“ expresses Dr. Rhomberg while taking in a sweeping view of the fairy tale Alpine panorama.

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