

Since 2001, the nonprofit organization **Zdravotní klaun (the Healthcare Clown)** has helped paediatric patients and seniors endure the process of medical treatment with a smile. The mission of Zdravotní klaun is to bring joy, good spirits, and hope to places in need, namely paediatric hospital rooms, specialised clinics and care centres, and households caring for seriously ill children. There are currently 93 professional healthcare clowns in the Czech Republic who regularly visit 63 hospitals, 10 nursing homes, and 1 hospice. In addition to programs for children and seniors, the specialists at Zdravotní klaun also regularly train caretakers and medical students.

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