



The experts – selected to serve your interests

THE SCIENTIFIC BOARD

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Best Care – Scientific Board

An advisory board known as the Scientific Board has been selected from among the participating Best Care doctors. This Scientific Board collects all the ideas and suggestions for Best Care, monitors compliance with the content of the project's tasks, promotes acceptance in the medical community and ensures continuous further development of the Best Care concept.

As a rule the board consists of

- Two Best Care doctors for each specialization based on medical indication
- Two members of the managerial staff nominated by DKV

Responsibilities of the Scientific Board

Assuring the quality of medical care

- The quality of the medical care provided by the Best Care doctors is assessed once a year on the basis of selected indices and compared with those of other institutions. The Scientific Board's experts draw up relevant quality indicators and evaluate the annual surveys.
- The satisfaction of all Best Care patients is determined regularly. The Scientific Board participates in measuring and evaluating patient satisfaction.

Further development of the Best Care network

- Best Care experts are selected in cooperation with independent scientific institutions for medical

research, DKV company doctors and on the basis of current expert lists. The Scientific Board has the task of selecting the nominated experts on the basis of quality indicators.

Promotion of Best Care

- The members of the Scientific Board present this innovative product to interested member of the public.

Continued scientific advice for DKV

- The Scientific Board's experts assist DKV's healthcare management in developing medical information for the insured.

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Vascular surgery

Vascular Surgery Clinic
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Born: 1940

- 1976** Habilitation at Erlangen University Hospital
- 1983** Professorship at Erlangen University Hospital
- 1984** Head of the Vascular Surgery Department in Nuremberg South Hospital
- 1999** President of the German Society for Vascular Surgery

Surgical spectrum of the hospital

- All vascular operations (> 3.500 per year)
- Surgery of the carotid artery in particular
- Leader in minimal invasive thoracic and abdominal aneurysm surgery

Membership of medical professional associations

- German Society of Surgery
- German Society of Vascular Surgery
- Int. Union of Angiology
- Europ. Society for Vascular Surgery

Corresponding memberships

- International College of Angiology
- Argentinian Society of Angiology
- Chinese Society of Vascular Surgery
- Indian Society of Vascular Surgery
- Hungarian Society of Vascular Surgery
- Austrian Society of Vascular Surgery
- American Society of Vascular Surgery

Consultancies

- Angiology
- Journal of Endovascular Therapy
- Vascular Surgery Outlook

Distinctions

- Federal Cross of Merit (First Class)
- Professor Honoris Causa Second Military Medical University of Shanghai
- Doctor Honoris Causa/University Cluj-Napoca

Further information on main clinical, scientific and research activities can be found at:

www.klinikum-nuernberg.de



Prof. Dr. med. Werner Lichtenegger
Gynaecology

Charité
Campus Virchow-Klinikum
Clinic for Gynaecology and
Obstetrics
Augustenburger Platz 1
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Born: 1942

- 1989** Professorship in gynaecology and obstetrics, Virchow University Hospital Berlin
- 1989** Director of the University Women's Hospital, Rudolf Virchow Clinic
- 1995** Director of the Clinic for Gynaecology and Obstetrics, Charité University Hospital

Subsidiary speciality

- Gynaecological oncology

Surgical spectrum of the hospital

- All gynaecological interventions

Main clinical and scientific activities

- Surgery and medication of malign gynaecological tumours
- Perinatal medicine
- Surgical treatment of urinary incontinence

Membership of national/international professional associations

- Austrian Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics
- Austrian Society of Perinatology
- Association of German Surgeons
- German Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics
- Chairman of Northwest German Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics
- Member of the Society of Pelvic Surgeons
- German-Spanish Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics
- Chairman of NOGGO – Northeast German Society of Gynaecological Oncology
- Chairman of Japanese-German Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics

Corresponding memberships

- German-Spanish Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics
- International Gynaecologic Cancer Society

Further information on main clinical, scientific and research activities can be found at:

www.charite.de

**Prof. Dr. med. Prof. h.c.
Christof Reinhard Sohn
Gynaecology**

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Born: 1961

- 1993** Habilitation at Heidelberg University Hospital
- 1997** Professorship, head of department focusing on obstetrics and perinatal medicine, University Hospital Frankfurt
- 2000** Director of the Women's Hospital at Hanover Medical University
- 2002** Director of the Centre for Gynaecology, Hanover Medical University
- 2004** Director of Heidelberg University Women's Hospital

Subsidiary speciality

- Oncological gynaecology and senology (Breast cancer therapy) prenatal diagnostics

Surgical spectrum of the hospital

- All gynaecological operations

Specialization in the fields of

- Gynaecological oncology
- Plastic and restorative surgery of the breast
- Senological diagnostics
- Urogynaecology

Membership of national/international professional associations

- German Society of Ultrasound in Medicine
- German Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics
- German Society of Perinatal Medicine
- International Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology
- German Cancer Society
- German Society of Senology

Corresponding memberships

- International Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Consultancies

- Obstetrics and gynaecology
- Gynaecology practice
- Editorial Board Surgical Endoscopy

Further information on main clinical, scientific and research activities can be found at:

www.klinikum.uni-heidelberg.de



Prof. Dr. med. Lothar Weißbach
Urology

EuromedClinic Fürth
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Born: 1940

1984–2003 Senior physician in the urological department of the Hospital Am Urban, Berlin

1989–1996 Chairman of the Committee on treatment of testicular tumours

1990–1998 Member of the committee of senior hospital physicians, specialization in the field of urology

1994–1998 Spokesman of the Urological Oncology Committee (AUO) of the German Cancer Society (DKG)

1995–2002 Member of the Board of the German Cancer Society (DKG)

1998–2000 President of the German Cancer Society (DKG)

2000–2002 Director of the Clearing House of the German Cancer Society (DKG) and of the central associations of the health insurance institutions

2002–2005 Chairman of the Best Care Scientific Board

Since 2003 Senior physician of the urological department at the EuromedClinic in Fürth

Subsidiary speciality

- Testicular tumours

Surgical spectrum of the hospital

- Complete range of urological operations except paediatric urology

Specialization in the fields of

- Urological oncology
- Andrology

Membership of national/ international professional associations

- German Urology Society
- Société Internationale d'Urologie (SIU)
- European Association of Urology (EAU)
- German Cancer Aid
- German Cancer Society (DKG)

Consultancy

- Oncology best practice

Further information on main clinical, scientific and research activities can be found at:

www.urologie-zentrum.de

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Herbert Rübben
Urology

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Born: 1949

1984 Habilitation at the Rhinish-Westphalian Technical University (RWTH) Aachen

1989 Professorship at the Urology Clinic and Polyclinic of the University Hospital Essen

1998 – 2008 Chairman of the West German Cancer Center Essen

1994 – 2001 General Secretary of German Society of Urology

2001 President of the German Urology Society

Subsidiary speciality

- Oncological urology

Surgical spectrum of the hospital

- Complete range of urological operations

Specialization in the fields of

- Oncological urology
- Paediatric urology
- Andrology
- Extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy (ESWL)
- Brachytherapy

Membership of national/international professional associations

- German Urology Society
- International Urology Society
- North Rhine-Westphalian Society of Urology
- American Urology Society
- European Association of Urology
- European Society of Paediatric Urology

Corresponding memberships

- German-Greek Society of Urology
- German-Hungary Society of Urology

Consultancies

- Der Urologe (editor-in-chief)
- Urological Research
- Urologica Internationalis
- Onkologie
- Dt. Ärzteblatt (co-editor)

Further information on main clinical, scientific and research activities can be found at:

www.uni-essen.de/urologie
 Herbert Rübben Uroonkologie
 Springer-Verlag



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Cardiac surgery**

**German Heart Institute Berlin
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Born: 1944

1983 First heart transplant in Hanover, subsequent establishment of the largest heart transplant programme in Germany at that time

1985 Appointment as university professor at the Free University of Berlin and appointment as senior physician for cardiac surgery and Chairman of the German Heart Institute Berlin

Since 1986 Development of the German Heart Institute Berlin

1987 Awarded the Berlin Order of Merit

Since 1995 University professor at the Humboldt University in Berlin

1995 Awarded the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany

Since 1998 In addition Medical Director of the Heart Institute Cottbus

Surgical spectrum of the German Heart Institute Berlin

- More than 5000 operations every year, including 3500 using heart-lung machines
- Complete range of cardiac surgery, including coronary surgery, surgery of the cardiac valves, especially reconstructions, operations and the use of catheter on the entire aorta and other major arteries, rhythm surgery
- Around 500 operations every year to treat congenital heart defects in all age groups
- 1600 heart transplants to date, making the German Heart Institute Berlin the heart centre with the largest transplant programme in the country and with 1200 implanted cardiac support systems ("artificial hearts")
- Lung transplants have also been performed since 1990

Further information on main clinical, scientific and research activities can be found at:

www.dhzb.de

Prof. Dr. med. Rüdiger Lange
Cardiac surgery

**German Heart Centre
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Born: 1953

- 1993** Habilitation, University of Heidelberg
- 1999** Director of the Clinic for Cardiovascular Surgery at the German Heart Center Munich, Germany
- 2006** Honorary professorship of Beijing University (China)

**Areas of expertise of the Clinic for
Cardiovascular Surgery**

- The entire spectrum of cardiac surgery is performed here, ranging from valve repair procedures, coronary artery revascularisation, surgical repair or stent-graft repair of the thoracic aorta, endovascular aortic aneurysm repair to heart transplants and artificial heart.
- Treatment of congenital heart defects in newborns, infants and children. The clinic is Germany's largest center for congenital heart defects and one of the leading international institutions in this field.
- Approx. 550 on-pump operations for congenital heart defects annually. 200 of those are performed on children less than 1 year of age.



Specializations

- Minimally invasive techniques, that bring cosmetic and surgical outcome to perfection.
- Training center for endoscopic graft harvesting.
- Tumor, pacemaker and arrhythmia surgery.
- Heart valve center: reconstruction of the mitral and the tricuspid valve, applying numerous individual techniques.

All techniques of valve sparing reconstruction are performed.

- Center for transcatheter aortic valve replacement for high risk patients. One of the few centers worldwide licensed to implant both types of transcatheter aortic valves.
- Aneurysms and dissections of the thoracic aorta, in particular by endovascular stent implantation, avoiding both conventional sternotomy and extracorporeal circulation.
- Training center for surgical techniques and organizer of international symposia.

**Further information on main clinical,
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www.dhm.mhn.de



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Neurosurgery

University Hospital RWTH Aachen
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Born: 1945

1983 Habilitation at Freiburg
 University Hospital

1984 professorship in general
 neurosurgery at Freiburg
 University Hospital

1989 professorship in neurosurgery
 at the University Hospital
 RWTH Aachen

Surgical spectrum of the hospital

- All neurosurgical operations, including skull base surgery, functional and stereotactic neurosurgery
- Paediatric neurosurgery and neuro-endoscopy
- Gamma-knife radiosurgery

Specialization in the field of

Function-preserving micro-neurosurgery

Membership of national/international professional associations

- Member of the German Society of Neurosurgery
- Member of the German Society of Neurological Rehabilitation
- Member of the German Academy of Neurosurgery
- Spokesman of the Board of the Tumorzentrum e.V. Aachen
- Member of the scientific board of the journal "Klinische Neuroradiologie"
- Permanent visiting at INI Hannover (International Neuroscience Institute)

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www.gilsbach.de

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Neurosurgery

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Born: 1952

- 1988** Habilitation at Essen University Hospital
- 1994** Professorship in neurosurgery at Jena University Hospital

Subsidiary speciality

- Oncological neurosurgery
- Minimal invasive spinal surgery
- Micro-neurosurgery
- Neuro-navigation

Surgical spectrum of the hospital

- All neurosurgical operations on the brain, spine and nervous system
- Deep-brain stimulation (e.g. Parkinson's disease)
- Pain therapy



Main clinical and scientific activities

- Oncological neurosurgery
- Minimal invasive spinal surgery

Membership of national/international professional associations

- German Society for Neurosurgery
- European Association of Neurosurgical Societies (EANS)
- German Society for Spinal Surgery
- German Society of Surgery
- Association of Surgeons in North Rhine-Westphalia
- German Cancer Society (DKG)

Further information on main clinical, scientific and research activities can be found at:

www.neurochirurgie.uniklinikum-jena.de



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Orthopaedic surgery

**Orthopaedic Hospital of University
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D-69118 Heidelberg

Born: 1952

- 1991** Habilitation in Heidelberg University
- 1997** Extraordinary Professor at the University of Heidelberg
- 2002** Head of the Department for Pediatric Orthopaedics and Spine Surgery
- 2007** President of the Spine Surgery
- 2008** Partner of the Galenus Clinic Stuttgart, Hospital for special spinal surgery

Surgical spectrum of the hospital

All kinds of surgical procedures as well as non-surgical treatment

Specialization in the fields of

- infantile juvenile and adolescent spinal deformities
- spinal diseases in the adults
- surgical treatment of the spinal stenosis

Membership of national/international professional associations

- Association of Pediatric Orthopaedics
- German Association of Orthopaedic Surgery
- German Spine Society

Consultancies

- Operative Orthopaedics and Trauma Surgery
- Der Orthopäde
- Guest Professor Huazhong University of Science and Technology

Further information on main clinical, scientific and research activities can be found at:

www.orthopaedie.uni-hd.de

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Orthopaedics and orthopaedic surgery

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Born: 1953

- 1994/** Research and Clinical fellow,
1995 Orthopaedic Sports Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, PA, USA
1996 Professor for orthopaedics and special orthopaedic surgery, senior physician and head of the department for sports orthopaedics at Munich Technical University

Subsidiary speciality

- Shoulder, knee and foot surgery, sports injuries

Surgical spectrum

- Orthopaedic sports traumatology
- Knee, shoulder and foot surgery, endoprotheses, knee-ligament surgery, corrective osteotomy

Specialization in the fields of

- Transplantation of cartilage cells and bone cartilage
- Arthroscopic high-tech surgery of the shoulder and knee joint

Membership of national/international professional associations

- Arthroscopy Committee (AGA)
- German Society for Orthopaedics and Orthopaedic Surgery (DGOOC)
- German Society for Trauma Surgery
- German Shoulder and Elbow Society (DVSE)
- Swiss Orthopaedic Society (SGO)

- Society for Orthopaedic and Traumatological Sports Medicine (GOTS)
- European Society for Surgery of the Shoulder and the Elbow (SECEC)
- International Society of Arthroscopy, Knee Surgery and Orthopaedic Sports Medicine (ISAKOS)
- Société Internationale de Chirurgie Orthopédique et de Traumatologie (SICOT)
- American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM)

Corresponding memberships

- Sociedad Chilena de Ortopedia y Traumatología
- American Society for Shoulder and Elbow (ASES)

Honorary membership

- Arthroscopy Association of North America (AANA)

Consultancies

- Expert Group International Advisory Board Arthrex Company
- German Society for Sports and Preventive Medicine (scientific board)
- International Shoulder Expert Forum Boston
- Scientific Board of SICOT

Further information on main clinical, scientific and research activities can be found at:

www.sportortho.de



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Haematology and
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University Hospital
Carl Gustav Carus
Medical Clinic and Polyclinic I
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D-01307 Dresden

Born: 1952

- 1985** Habilitation
- 1994** Professorship in internal medicine, Dresden University Hospital
- 2000** Supervisory Board of Dresden University Hospital
- 2001** Supervisory Board of Rhön-Klinikum AG
- 2004** Chairman of the German Society for Haematology and Oncology

Main clinical and scientific activities

- Leukaemia
- Bone marrow transplants
- Clinical studies
- Molecular biology
- Clinical pharmacology

Membership of national/international professional associations

- German Society for Haematology and Oncology
- German Society of Internal Medicine
- German Committee for Bone Marrow Transplantation
- American Society for Clinical Oncology
- American Society of Haematology

Consultancies

- Leukemia
- New England Journal of Medicine
- European Journal for Clinical Pharmacology
- Dt. Medizinische Wochenschrift
- Klinische Wochenschrift
- German Research Foundation (DFG)
- Drugs

Further information on main clinical, scientific and research activities can be found at:

www.oncocenter.de

Prof. Dr. med. Martin Wilhelm
Internal Medicine
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Nuremberg Hospital
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D-90419 Nuremberg

Born: 1956

- 1994** Habilitation at Würzburg University Hospital
- 2001** Professorship at Würzburg University Hospital
- 2001** Head of the unit for haematology/oncology with stem cell transplantation at Würzburg University Hospital
- 2003** Director of the Medical Clinic Haematology/Oncology with bone marrow transplants, Nuremberg Hospital
- 2004** Certificate European Society for Medical Oncology

Subsidiary speciality

- Haematology
- Medical oncology
- Bone marrow transplants

Main clinical and scientific activities

- Oncological pharmacology
- Immunotherapy
- Monoclonal antibodies



Membership of national/international professional associations

- German Society of Internal Medicine
- German Society for Immunology
- German Society for Bone Marrow and Stem Cell Transplantation
- German Society for Haematology and Oncology
- German Cancer Society (DKG)
- American Society of Haematology
- Association of Medical Oncology

Corresponding memberships

- Europ. Haematology Association

Consultancies

- Scientific board, Novartis Oncology Center of Competence
- Blood
- Chemotherapy
- IMPP (National Institute for medical and pharmaceutical examination)

Further information on main clinical, scientific and research activities can be found at:

www.med5-nbg.de

www.klinikum-nuernberg.de



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Visceral surgery

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Department of Visceral and
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D-50937 Cologne**

Born: 1949

- 1989** Habilitation at the medical faculty of Munich University of Technology
- 1996** Chairman, Department of Visceral and Vascular Surgery, Cologne University Medical Center
- 2005** Board of Directors, Center for Integrated Oncology (CIO)
- 2006** Board of Directors, Abdominal Center, University of Cologne

Subsidiary specialities

- Visceral surgery, thoracic surgery, oncological surgery
- Gastro-intestinal surgery, oesophageal surgery

Surgical spectrum of the hospital

Complete range of surgery

Specialization in the fields of Minimal invasive surgery

- Laparoscopic/thoracoscopy surgery
- Transanal rectal surgery
- Hepatobiliary surgery

Membership of national/international professional associations

- Chairman 2004, Association of Surgeons in North Rhine-Westphalia
- Chairman, Committee "Gastric and -Oesophageal Cancer", Surgical Oncology Group

- Chairman, Committee "Upper GI-Tract" of the German Society of Visceral Surgery
- Federation Chairman West Europe International Society of Diseases of the Esophagus
- Board of Directors International Gastrointestinal Surgery Workshop Davos
- Scientific committee World Organisation for Specialized Studies on Diseases of the Esophagus (OESO)
- German Society of Surgery
- German Society of Visceral Surgery
- German Society of Digestive and Metabolic Diseases
- Société Internationale de Chirurgie (SIC)
- American College of Surgeons, FACS
- Royal College of Surgeons of England, FRCS
- Editorial Board: Langenbeck's Archives of Surgery, Onkologie, The Chinese-German Journal of Clinical Oncology, Annals of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery

Further information on main clinical, scientific and research activities can be found at:

www.ukk-chirurgie-koeln.de

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Visceral surgery

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 Clinic for General, Visceral and
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 Leipziger Str. 44
 D-39120 Magdeburg**



Born: 1945

- 1993** Director of the Clinic for General, Visceral and Vascular Surgery at Magdeburg University Hospital
- 2002** Medical Director of the Medical Faculty at Magdeburg University Hospital

Subsidiary specialities

- Visceral surgery
- Vascular surgery
- Minimal invasive surgery
- Surgical endoscopy
- Colorectal surgery
- Liver and pancreatic surgery
- Organ transplants

Surgical spectrum of the hospital

- Tumour surgery
- Oesophageal surgery
- Surgery of the stomach and liver
- Abdominal and thyroid surgery
- Colorectal surgery and surgery of the liver and pancreas
- Vascular surgery

Specialization in the fields of

- Minimal invasive surgery and surgical endoscopy
- Colorectal surgery of the liver and pancreas
- Organ transplants

Membership of national/international professional associations

- German Society of Surgery
- Head of the Quality Assurance Committee

Consultancies

- Zentralblatt für Chirurgie (editor)
- Der Chirurg
- Langenbeck's Archives of Surgery
- Digestive Surgery
- Chirurgische Gastroenterologie

Further information on main clinical, scientific and research activities can be found at:

www.med.uni-magdeburg.de



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Thoracic surgery

Universitätsklinikum Freiburg
Abteilung Thoraxchirurgie
Hugstetter Straße 55
D-79106 Freiburg

Born: 1961

- 1996** Habilitation, University of Munich
- 2002** Professor for Surgery Ludwig-Maximilians University of Munich
- 2004** Head of Department of Thoracic Surgery, University Medical Center Freiburg, Professor for Thoracic Surgery

Subsidiary specialities:

- Thoracic Surgery

Surgical spectrum of the hospital

- Bronchoplastic and angioplastic procedures
- Extended tumor resections
- Mediastinal tumors
- Thymomas
- Reconstructive operations for diaphragmatic diseases
- Minimal invasive operation techniques
- Videothoroscopies
- Mediastinoscopies
- Segmental resections
- Chest wall reconstructions
- Lung transplantations
- Pediatric thoracic surgery

Scientific interests:

- Oncological thoracic surgery

Membership of national/international professional associations

- German Society for Thoracic Surgery (DGT)
- European Society for Thoracic Surgeons (ESTS)
- German Society for Surgeons
- German Society for Pneumology (DGP)
- International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC)

Scientific awards:

- Konietzky Award of the Hamburg Cancer Society 1994
- Nussbaum Award of the Bavarian Society of Surgeons 1996
- Brompton Award of the European Society of Thoracic Surgeons 2001

Further information on main clinical, scientific and research activities can be found at:

www.uniklinik-freiburg.de/thoraxchirurgie

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Thoracic surgery

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Thoraxchirurgie und
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Tüschener Weg 40
D-45239 Essen



Born: 1952

- 1996** Habilitation at the Ruhr University Bochum
- 2000** Head of the department for thoracic surgery and thoracic endoscopy at the Ruhrlandklinik in Essen
- 2000** Arthur Walpole Prize awarded by the German Cancer Society (DKG)

Main clinical and scientific activities

- Multi-centric phase II and III studies on multimodal therapy concepts for treating small cell and non-small cell carcinoma of the bronchus
- Prospective studies on neo-adjuvant treatment of pleural mesothelioma
- Tracheal surgery
- Clinical and experimental studies on emphysema surgery
- Minimal invasive methods in thoracic surgery
- Diagnostic and interventional bronchology

Membership of national/international professional associations

- German Society of Surgery
- German Society of Pneumology
- German Society for Thoracic Surgery
- European Association for Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery (EACTS)
- Society of Thoracic Surgeons – STS (USA)

Spectrum of thoracic surgery in the Ruhrlandklinik

More than 2400 operations every year, including

- over 1400 operations on the lung
- around 600 operations on the mediastinum
- around 400 operations on the pleura and chest wall

Further information on main clinical, scientific and research activities can be found at:

www.ruhrlandklinik.de



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Paediatrics

German Heart Institute Berlin
Department of Congenital Heart
Defects/Pediatric Cardiology
Augustenburger Platz 1
D-13353 Berlin

Born: 1960

2003 Habilitation University of Zurich
 Switzerland

2004 Full Professorship Pediatric
 Cardiology Charité – Universi-
 tätsmedizin Berlin

2004 Director Dept. of Congenital
 Heart Disease/Pediatric
 Cardiology

Specialization in the fields of

- Development of interventional
 Techniques of Congenital Heart
 Disease
- Hybrid Treatment of Congenital
 Heart Disease
- Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension
- Adult Congenital Heart Disease
- Neuroprotection in Pediatric
 Cardiac Surgery

**Membership of national/inter-
 national professional associations**

- German Association of Pediatric
 Cardiology
- German Association of Cardiology
- Working Group Pulmonary
 Arterial Hypertension
- Swiss Association of Pediatric
 Cardiology
- Swiss Association of Cardiology
- European Society for Cardiology
- Russian Society of Endovascular
 Surgeons and Interventional
 Radiologists

Corresponding memberships

- Int. Workshop of Catheter Inter-
 ventions in Congenital Heart
 Disease and other non-coronary
 procedures, Frankfurt am Main
- Pediatric Interventional Cardiac
 Symposium, Chicago, USA
- Int. Workshop of Interventional
 Pediatric Cardiology, San Donato
 Milanese, Italien

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Paediatrics

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 Pneumology and Immunology
 Charité – University Medicine
 Augustenburger Platz 1
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Born: 1945

1985 Full Professor in Paediatric
 Pneumology and Immunology
 at University Children’s
 Hospital, Free University of
 Berlin

1995 Director of University
 Children’s Hospital,
 Free University of Berlin

1998 Director of the Department of
 Pediatric Pneumology and
 Immunology, Charité Berlin

Special expertise in:

- Atopic dermatitis
- Cystic fibrosis
- Primary immunodeficiencies
- Food allergies
- Anaphylaxis
- Asthma bronchiale
- Rheumatic disorders and
 autoimmune diseases
- Infectious diseases and
 tuberculosis
- Assessment for lung transplanta-
 tion

**Membership of international
 professional associations**

- Past President of the European
 Society of Pediatric Allergology
 and Clinical Immunology
 (ESPACI)
- Past President of the European
 Academy of Allergy and Clinical
 Immunology (EAACI)
- Fellow of the Royal collage of
 physicians (FRCP)
- German Society of Allergology
 and Clinical Immunology
 (DGAKI)
- Society of Pediatric Pneumology

**Further information on main
 clinical, scientific and research
 activity can be found at:**

www.charite-ppi.de

www.helios-kliniken.de/klinik/berlinzehlendorf/fachabteilungen.html



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Paediatric surgery

Hanover Medical School
Department of Paediatric Surgery
Carl-Neuberg-Straße 1
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Born: 1955

2000 Director of the Paediatric
 Surgery Clinic, Hanover
 Medical University

Subsidiary speciality

- Minimally invasive surgery
- Neonatal surgery

Surgical spectrum of the hospital

- Complete range of paediatric surgery

Specialization in the fields of

- Minimally invasive surgery
- Neonatal surgery
- Paediatric urology
- Oncological surgery
- Thoracic surgery
- Hepatobiliary surgery
- Pancreatic surgery
- Traumatology

Functions

- Pediatric Endosurgical Group
 USA/Representative for Europe
- European Association of Pediatric
 Surgery/Executive Board Member
- International Pediatric Surgical
 Research/Executive Board
 Member
- Speaker of the German Associa-
 tion of Minimally Invasive Pediatric
 Surgeons
- European Journal of Pediatric
 Surgery/Editor in Chief

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 clinical, scientific and research
 activities can be found at:**

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 Klinik und Poliklinik für Kinder-
 chirurgie
 Augustenburger Platz 1
 D-13353 Berlin

Born: 1941

- 1980** Habilitation(Promotion B)
Charité – Faculty of Medicine,
Humboldt-University
- 1983** Head of Department of
Pediatric Surgery, Charité
- 1985** Professorship in Pediatric
Surgery at Charité-Hospital
- 1989** Director of the Pediatric
Surgery Clinic, Charité
- 1990 – 1995**
Dean of Faculty of Medicine
- 1993** C4-Professorship of Pediatric
Surgery
- 1995** Awarded the Berlin Order of
Merit

Spectrum of treatment by the clinic

- Complete range of pediatric
surgery

Special fields

- Pediatric Oncosurgery
- Newborn surgery
- Pediatric urology
- Traumatology
- Plastic and reconstructive surgery

Membership

- German Society of Pediatric
Surgery
- German Society of Surgery
- GDNÄ
- German Society of Perinatal –
Medicine
- NAV-Virchow-Bund

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 clinical, scientific and research
 activities can be found at:**

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Dr. med. Martina K. Schilling

Born: 1963

1982 – 1988 Studied human medicine at Heinrich-Heine-University in Düsseldorf

1988 Internship at Albert-Einstein-College in New York

1989 – 1996 Member of scientific staff of the Medical Clinic and Polyclinic of Heinrich-Heine University in Düsseldorf, Clinic for Metabolic Disorders and Nutrition

1996 Specialization in internal medicine, diabetologist, member of German Diabetological Society (DDG)

2000 – 2004 Head of health care service at DKV

2004 – 2006 Product Manager for Best Care and other products in the inpatient sector

since 2006 Head of Best Care Service and responsible for network management

and since 2008 Member of Executive Board of Medwell Health Corp.



Dr. Andreas Kottmeier

Born: 1962

1982 – 1985 Trained as hospital orderly

1985 – 1989 Studied Business Administration in Bielefeld

1989 – 1993 Studied Health Science at the University of Bielefeld alongside work

1989 – 1991 Participated in Management Trainee Program at the Vocational Training Center of German Hospitals

1991 – 1993 Assistant to CEO of St. Johannisstift (Protestant hospital) in Paderborn

1993 – 1998 CEO of a health care foundation of the Bertelsmann Corp.

1998 earned his Ph. D. in the field of Health Science

1998 – 2003 CEO of the Focus Medical Clinic Group, Berlin

2003 Joined DKV/Strategic Health Care Management

2004 – 2007 CEO of Association for Quality in Medicine

since 2006 Member of the Executive Board of Arztpartner almeda Corp.

since 2008 Head of Strategic Health Care Management Division of DKV

Statements on the Scientific Board

“We will collect and channel all interests, ideas and suggestions for Best Care, monitor compliance with the content of the project’s subjective tasks and promote its acceptance in the medical community.”

(Prof. Dr. med. Arnulf Hölischer, Chairman of the Scientific Board)

“The demand for high quality medical treatment by Best Care experts is increasing – on an international level as well.”

(Dr. Andreas Kottmeier, DKV)

“The Scientific Board will participate in continuous surveys of Best Care patients’ satisfaction with their treatment.”

(Dr. med. Martina Schilling, DKV)

“I support the direct approach taken by DKV with its Scientific Board, as it concerns the well-being of the insured community and serves to promote quality in medicine.”

(Prof. Dr. med. Lothar Weißbach, urologist)

“The Best Care concept is designed for the future and will set standards. I support the Scientific Board in its goal of assuring the quality of modern medicine and innovative concepts, and thus opening new perspectives to the benefit of the patients.”

(Prof. Dr. med. Benno Ure, paediatric surgeon)

“The Scientific Board should see itself as serving the interests of sick children and ensure that “Best Care” is the least we can do for our children.”

(Prof. Dr. med. Ulrich Wahn, paediatrician)

List of indications

Under the age of 15:

- Congenital deformities requiring surgery (e.g. heart defects)
- Malignant tumours typical of childhood (e.g. bone cancer)
- Malignant disorders of the haematogenic and lymphatic organs (e.g. leukaemia)
- Disorders requiring inpatient treatment:
 - Adenopathies and metabolic disorders (e.g. hypothyrosis)
 - Pulmonary disorders (e.g. bronchial asthma)
 - Disorders of the nervous system (e.g. epilepsy)
 - Chronic intestinal disorders (e.g. Morbus Crohn)
 - Skin diseases (e.g. severe forms of neurodermititis)
 - Diseases of the bones and joints (e.g. chronic rheumatic diseases)
 - Consequences of accidents and poisoning (e.g. false position of a bone, cauterization of the oesophagus)

Over the age of 15:

- Coronary heart disease (coronary constrictions requiring a bypass operation) or valvular defects
- Constriction of the carotid artery (carotis stenosis)
- Aortic aneurysm (dilatation of the main artery)
- Cancer of the oesophagus, stomach, intestines, gall bladder or pancreas
- Cancer of the kidneys and renal tract
- Cancer of the lungs
- Tumours in the brain and spinal cord
- Leukaemia (cancer of the blood)
- Slipped disk
- Fracture of the crucial ligament of the knee joint
- Testicular and prostate cancer
- Cancer of the womb or ovaries
- Breast cancer

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