

Curriculum Vitae



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Academic Degrees and Qualifications

1971 – 1977	Medical School of the University of Mainz, FRG
19.10.1977	Thesis (Dr. med.) “Zur Entwicklung des klinischen Arzneimittelversuchs am Menschen im 19. und 20. Jahrhundert“, Med.-Historisches Institut, Johannes-Gutenberg-Universitaet, Mainz, FRG
24.10.1977	Medical license
1977 – 1981	Internship (Internal Medicine, Surgery, Anesthesiology) in Bad Neuenahr and in Neustadt am Ruebenberge (near Hannover), FRG
1981 – 1998	Research Assistant at the 1st Department of Medicine, University of Mainz, FRG
1987	Specialist for Internal Medicine (“Arzt für Innere Medizin”)
1988 – 1989	Research Fellowship at the Department of Molecular Biology and Hepato-carcinogenesis, Institute Pasteur, Paris, France (Prof. Dr. Chr. Bréchet)
1990	“Venia Legendi” for Internal Medicine (“Privatdozent”), University of Mainz, FRG
1990 – 1995	Staff Physician, 1st Department of Medicine, University of Mainz, FRG (Dir. Prof. Dr. med. Dr. med. vet. Dr. h.c. mult. K.-H. Meyer zum Bueschenfelde)
1992	Lecturer of Internal Medicine, University of Mainz, FRG
1996	apl.-Professor, University of Mainz, FRG
1996 – 1998	Senior Staff Physician, 1st Department of Medicine, University of Mainz, FRG
1998 – 2018	Director of the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Medical Centre, University of Duisburg-Essen, FRG
2019 – 2025	Senior Consultant at the Helios Klinikum Niederberg, Velbert, Germany
since 06/2025	Senior Consultant at Internisten Werden – Joint practice (Essen, FRG)

Professional Responsibilities and Electoral Offices

2001 – 2002	Head of the Centre of Internal Medicine, University of Essen, FRG
2003 – 2018	Member of the local Ethical Committee, University of Essen
2004 – 2005	Head of the Centre of Internal Medicine, University of Essen
2004 – 2007	Member of the Research Commission, University of Essen
2007 – 2018	Head of the Centre of Internal Medicine, University of Essen
2007 – 2010	Member of the Supervisory Board (Aufsichtsrat), University of Essen
2012 – 2018	Vice Chairman of the Executive Board of the Medical Centre (Internal Medicine, Neurology), University of Essen
2013 – 2018	Board Member of the Centre of Infectiology, University of Essen
2014 – 2018	Board Member of the Transplantation Centre, University of Essen
2023	Member Scientific Board, Med. Faculty OWL, University of Bielefeld

Awards

1989	„Prix jeunes chercheurs“ of the French Association for the Study of the Liver (L'AFEF)
1989	Asche Fellowship of the German Association for Gastroenterology
1992	Annual Award of the Dr. Carl Duisberg Foundation
1992	Albert Knoll Award

Editorial Boards

since 1990	Scientific Assessor (Diss., Habil., APL), Med. Faculty, UK-Essen
1996 – 2009	Journal “Psychopharmacology”, Springer-Verlag, Berlin, New York
2000	“Journal of Hepatology” Munksgaard Intern. Publishers, Copenhagen
2002 – 2006	Scientific committee of the French AIDS Association (ANRS)
since 2008	Journal “Die Gastroenterologie”, Springer Publisher, Berlin, Heidelberg
1998 – 2018	Assessor for Scientific Associations (DFG, INSERM, Wellcome Trust etc.)
since 2015	Journal “Visceral Medicine”, Karger, Freiburg, FRG
since 2021	Journal “Hepatoma Research”, OAE Publishing Inc., CA, USA
since 2022	Journal of Personalized Medicine, MDPI AG, Basel, Switzerland

Memberships

since 1985	Member of the Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Innere Medizin (DGIM)
since 1985	Member of the German Association for the Study of the Liver (GASL) Secretary of the GASL: 1998-2000

since 1985	Member of: European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL)
since 1985	Member of: American Association for the Study of the Liver (AASLD)
since 1986	Member of the Gastroenterologische Arbeitsgemeinschaft Rheinland-Pfalz/Saar (GARPS). Secretary of the GARPS: 1994-1998
since 1986	Member of the Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Verdauungs- und Stoffwechselkrankheiten (DGVS)
1993 – 1995	Member of the European Working Community: “Viral hepatitis” (EUROHEP)
1994 – 1996	Member of: European Working Community: “Viral Hepatocarcinogenesis” (ECCA)
1998 – 2014	Member of the Drug Commission of the German Medical Association
2002 – 2003	President of the Association for Gastroenterology in North Rhine-Westphalia
2003 – 2010	Board member of the Bundesverband Gastroenterologie (BVGD)
2004 – 2006	Member of the board of trustees of the DGVS Training Academy
2004 – 2006	Member of the guidelines commission of the DGVS
2004 – 2009	Chairman of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft universitaerer Gastroenterologen Deutschlands (AUG) e.V.
since 2008	IASL (International Association for the Study of the Liver)
since 2009	Associated Member of the Deutsche Leberstiftung
since 2015	Member of the Deutsche Transplantationsgesellschaft (DTG)
since 2024	Scientific Advisory Board, German Medical Award, Medica Düsseldorf (https://germanmedicalaward.com)

Elected President in Medical Associations

2002 / 2003	Society for Gastroenterology in North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) (www.gastronrw.de)
2011 / 2012	Society for Gastroenterology in North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) (www.gastronrw.de)
2012 / 2013	Rhenish-Westphalian Society of Internal Medicine (www.rwgim.de)
2012 / 2013	German Society for Digestive and Metabolic Diseases (www.dgvs.de)
2016 / 2017	German Association for the Study of the Liver (www.gasl.de)
since 2016	Board spokesman of the Society for Gastroenterology in NRW
2018 / 2019	President of the Annual Congress for Visceral Medicine in NRW in Essen together with Prof. Dr. Ulf P. Neumann, University Hospital, RWTH Aachen
2019 – 2022	Ethics committee of the European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL)

Clinical Emphases

Internal Medicine, Gastroenterology, Hepatology, Clinical Virology, Clinical Immunology, Endoscopy, Liver transplantation, Autoimmunity, Infectiology, Visceral Medicine.

Acute and Terminal Liver Failure, Molecular Pathomechanisms of Liver Failure, Fibrosis Progression of Chronic Liver Diseases, Evaluation of Mini-Laparoscopy for the Diagnosis of Chronic Liver Diseases, Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis, Autoimmune Hepatitis, Viral Hepatitis and HIV Coinfection, Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC), Establishment of Biomarkers in Gastroenterology.

Since 1989 conducting more than 150 clinical trials according to GCP guidelines, phase I-IV.

Scientific Emphases

Virus-Host-Interactions in Viral Hepatitis, Cellular Immune Response in Hepatitis, Auto-antibodies, Molecular Pathomechanisms in NAFL and NASH, Role of Apoptosis and Fibrogenesis, Cholangiocellular Carcinoma (CCC), Therapies with new Immunosuppressants (DNA, Peptide, T Cell Vaccines).

Publications

Original articles (peer reviewed)	> 750 (in > 180 Journals)
Reviews	> 80
Letters	> 37
Published Meeting Abstracts	> 850
Impact Factors, cumulated (1985 – 2023)	5,827.4
Mean Impact Factor per Journal	26.5
Mean Impact Factor per Article	7.77
Minimum and Maximum Impact-Factor	0.03 / 168.9
H-Index (1985 – 2025)	85
Citations (without self-citations)	30,318
Average Citations per Year (1985 – 2025)	780.3
Average Citations per Article (1985 – 2025)	50.1
Personal Impact Factor (2023)	5.0

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