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Contact

University education

- 1980 – 1987: Medicine, Goettingen University
- 1991 – 1994: Public Health, Hanover Medical School

Professional experience

- 1991 – 2000: Head of Quality Improvement Research Unit, Department of General Practice, Hanover Medical School
- 1992 – 1993: Scientific Director, North German Research Network for Public Health
- 2001 – 2004: Executive Director of Institute of General Practice, Schleswig Holstein University Hospital, Kiel
- Since August 2004: Executive Director of Institute of General Practice, Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main

Qualifications

- 1987: MD, Postgraduate degree (Promotion)
- 1992: Medical specialist for General Practice (Additional titles: Emergency Medical Aid, Chirotherapy, Medical Quality Management)
- 1994: Magister Sanitatis Publicae (Master of Public Health, MPH)
- 1998: Postdoctoral lecturing qualification (Habilitation)

Practice experience

- 1993 – 2000: Group practice, Bremen
- 2002 – 2004: Shared practice, Kiel
- from 2005: Practice work in academic teaching practice together with Dr. Christiane Stephan-Seffer and Dr. Ulrich Kinsing, Frankfurt

Selected responsibilities

- 1993 – 2007: Delegate of [DEGAM](#), German Society for General and Family Practice at the European Association on Quality in Family Medicine ([EQuiP](#))
- 1998 – 2003: Board member of German Network for Evidence-Based Medicine
- since 1998 Member of the Board of the German Society for General and Family Medicine ([DEGAM](#))
- 1999 – 2007: Member of the Guideline Commission of the Committee of Scientific Medical Societies in Germany ([AWMF](#))
- 2003 – 2007: Deputy Chairman of the "German Institute for General Practice" foundation
- 2005 – 2007: Founding and board member of [German Coalition for Patient Safety](#)

- Since 2007: Member of [the German Advisory Council on the Assessment of Developments in the Health Care System](#)
 - In addition: work for various expert committees including Medical Centre for Quality in Medicine, German Federal Chamber for Medicine, Federal Ministry of Health (and social security), Federal/State Commission of Health Ministries, Federal Association of SHI physicians, Coordinating Committee / Joint Federal Committee, various health insurance companies and health insurance associations
- Publications
- [Literatur](#)
- Scientific Prizes
- 1994 1st Prize for Medical Sciences, awarded by the Fritz and Hildegard Berg Foundation with the support of the Health Sciences Coordination Committee / Association for the Promotion of Science and Humanities in Germany
 - 1999: 1st Prize, ‘German Health Prize – Innovations in Medical Care’
 - 2003: 1st Prize, ‘Berlin Health Prize 2002’
 - 2005: 1st Prize, ‘Richard Merten Prize 2005’
 - 2007: 2nd Prize for excellent teaching in the Faculty of Medicine, Goethe University Hospital, Frankfurt am Main
 - 2008: 1st Prize, ‘Dr. Lothar Beyer Award – German research prize for general practice’
- Current focus
- Quality improvement
 - Evidence based medicine in general practice
 - Practice epidemiology
 - Error prevention / Risk management in general practice
 - Chronic care
 - Healthcare research
 - Introduction of innovative teaching and examination methods in general practice education