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Specialist in medical oncology and general internal medicine, member of the Swiss Medical Association (FMH)

Languages

FR,EN,DE

Work Experience

since 1998	Medical practice in internal medicine, oncology, haematology, Clinique de Genolier, Switzerland Team leader for haematology-oncology, transfusion medicine, haemovigilance, pharmacovigilance, materiovigilance and Swissmedic compliance, Genolier, Switzerland Clinical Affiliate, Memorial Sloan Kettering International Oncology Program, NY, USA Haematology-oncology, Centre d'Oncologie des Eaux-Vives, Geneva, Switzerland Haematology-Oncology, Groupe Médical de Chantpoulet, Eaux-Vives, Geneva, Suisse
2001–2003	Associate, Oncocare, Sonnenhof AG, Bern: www.oncocare.ch, Head of laboratory, Sonnenhof AG, Bern, Switzerland Team leader for the haemovigilance programme, Sonnenhof AG, Bern Team leader for hospital hygiene, Sonnenhof AG, Bern
1997–1998	Fellow, Oncology-Hematology, Department of Medicine, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Center, New York, NY USA
1997	Chief resident, Medical clinic 2, Prof. F. Waldvogel, MD, HCUG
1993–1996	Research Fellow, Harvard Medical School, Cell Biology Department and Beth Israel Hospital, Division of Signal Transduction, Boston, MA, USA: Prof. L.C. Cantley, PhD
1992–1993	5-month basic research position, Fondation pour Recherches Médicales, Prof. W. Schelgel, PhD, HCUG
1991–1993	Assistant chief resident, Medical clinic 2, Prof. F. Waldvogel, HCUG
1990–1991	Resident, Haematology, Medical polyclinic, Prof. PA. Miescher, Prof. H.Stalder, HCUG
1989–1990	Oncology resident, Haematology-oncology department, Prof. P. Alberto, HCUG.
1986–1989	Resident, Medical clinic 2, Prof. F Waldvogel, Hôpital Cantonal Universitaire de Genève, Switzerland
1986	Doctor involved in vaccination campaign, Médecins sans Frontières

Education

since 2005	FMH CPD diploma in oncology
since 2001	FMH CPD diploma in internal medicine
2005	Postgraduate in pharmaceuticals (HEC-Lausanne)

2003	Postgraduate diploma in economics and health administration. Master in health economics and management. IEMS, HEC; Lausanne, Switzerland
2003	Postgraduate certificate in palliative care (Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois, Lausanne)
1998	FMH certification in oncology, based on previous FMH haematology-oncology certification
1997	Doctorate in medicine, Geneva
1997	FMH certification in internal medicine, Switzerland
1997	Certified member, ESMO (European Society of Medical Oncology)
1991	ECFMG (Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates) certification
1986	Diploma in medicine, University of Geneva, Switzerland

Competences

Originally from Brehmen, Dr Volker Kirchner studied at the Faculty of medicine at the University of Geneva, subsequently spending around a decade at the Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève, where he worked as a Resident, initially in medicine, before moving to oncology and haematology, working his way up to Assistant chief resident. He then spent a few months working in basic research at Geneva, before making his way to Harvard University in Boston, where he continued his education with a three-year research fellowship.

After this, he returned to Geneva for a further year, working as Chief resident at the Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève before once again heading back to the United States. Around the turn of the millennium, Dr. Kirchner joined the prestigious MSKCC (Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center) in New York, where he spent two years completing a fellowship in haematology-oncology. He has maintained close links with the MSKCC ever since, and has helped the Center create synergies with the Clinique de Genolier.

After returning to Switzerland, Dr Kirchner spent several years working at the Sonnenhofspital in Bern, part of the Lindenhofgruppe. After earning FMH certification, he joined the Clinique de Genolier in 1998, setting up his own practice. Dr. Kirchner is a man with many strings to his bow, working as a Team leader for haemovigilance, pharmacovigilance and materiovigilance for Swissmedic, the Swiss medical products authority, as well as being heavily involved in local policy within Nyon and carrying out studies. He earned a postgraduate diploma in economics and health administration. from the Faculty of Business and Economics in Lausanne, as well as a range of other postgraduate certificates and diplomas, including in pharmaceutics and palliative care.

The most recent additions to his portfolio have been the positions of Programme director at the Genolier Cancer Center and Member of the Advisory board of the Swiss Medical Network.

Memberships

- Member of the Advisory board of the Swiss Medical Network
- Chief operating officer, Genolier Cancer Center
- Head of programme / Haematology-oncology, Medical affairs, Transfusion medicine, Genolier.
- Secretary of the Medical commission of the Clinique de Genolier.
- Chair of the Regional medical society.
- President-elect for 2018-2019 of the Société Suisse d'Oncologie Médicale.
- Member of the Swiss Cancer Network
- Scientific member of the Forome Association

- CCO of Genolier Cancer Center
- Vigilance team leader (Genolier and Eaux Vives) working on haemovigilance, materiovigilance, pharamcovigilance, and compliance with Swissmedic and local authorities
- Secretary of the Medical commission of the Clinique de Genolier
- Member of the advisory board of the Swiss Medical Network
- President-elect for 2018-2019 of the Société Suisse d'Oncologie Médicale
- Vice-president of the Société Suisse d'Oncologie Médicale
- Delegate to the FMH governing body
- Delegate to the Swiss Federation of Specialities in Medicine
- Committee member and former Vice-president, Swiss Cancer Network
- Committee member and Treasurer of the Groupement des Oncologues-radiologues, Infectiologues et Pathologues Vaudois
- Committee member of the Réseau Oncologique Vaudois
- President of the Nyon-Aubonne-Rolle regional group
- Member of the Central committee of the Fondation de La Côte pour l'Aide et les Soins à Domicile et la Prévention (of major significance, as the reorganisation of the regional healthcare system is currently at the application stage following the health network law of 2017 and the decree of 2016)
- Local consultant in Nyon

Publications

Treatment of anaemia in gynaecology: use of erythropoietin in gynaecological oncology and gynaecological surgery. V. Kirchner et Anaemia Working Group. Revue médicale Suisse, 15; 14.04.2005
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Accreditation

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