



Prof. Dr. med. Walter Weder

Specialist in thoracic surgery and surgery, member of FMH

Languages

DE

Work Experience

since 2019	Physician at Privatklinik Bethanien
2019	Visiting Professor, Shanghai Chest Hospital, Shanghai, China
2019	Visiting Professor, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, USA
2011–2019	Medical co-director, USZ
2011–2019	Head of the Lung cancer and thoracic oncology centre, Universitätsspital Zürich
1999–2019	Director, Department for thoracic surgery, Universitätsspital Zürich
1992–2019	Head of the lung transplant programme at USZ
1995–1999	Clinical lead, Abdominal surgery/thoracic surgery, Universitätsspital Zürich

Education

1999	Professor of surgery, specifically thoracic surgery, at the University of Zürich
1993	State doctorate, Privatdozent at the University of Zürich
1990	Specialism in surgery, member of FMH
1988–1989	Research fellowship in Lung Transplantation, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, USA
1984	Doctor of Medicine, University of Zürich
1981	State examinations, University of Zürich, degree in Medicine, Stanford University, Palo Alto and University of Zürich

Memberships

- Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Thoraxchirurgie (founding president)
- Swisstransplant (founding president, lung transplant group, board member)
- European Respiratory Society, ERS
- International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer, IASLC
- European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery, EACTS
- European Society for Thoracic Surgeons, ESTS (Past President)
- European Society for Medical Oncology, ESMO (Educational Committee)
- The Society of Thoracic Surgeons, STS
- American Association for Thoracic Surgery, AATS

- International Society of Heart and Lung Transplantation, ISHLT
- International Mesothelioma Interest Group, IMIG (board member)

Competences

Full spectrum of thoracic surgery, in particular:

- Lung cancer surgery and complex resections at locally advanced stages, mesothelioma
- Thymus surgery and mediastinal tumours
- Minimally invasive surgery VATS and RATS (first VATS lobectomy in Switzerland, 1993, and first robotic thymectomy (Da Vinci), 2004)
- Emphysema surgery (first thoracoscopic LVRS in the world)

Publications

Prof. Dr. med. Walter Weder is the author of over 500 scientific articles in renowned journals.

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Media

Interview with Prof. Dr. med. Walter Weder

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Awards

2004

First mediastinal tumour resection & lobectomy by Da Vinci robot

Since 1995

Multiple studies for extended resection for NSCLC after neoadjuvant therapy

Since 1998

Multiple studies on EPP/PD for mesothelioma after neoadjuvant therapy

1995

First VATS LVRS worldwide, since then more than 1000 surgical interventions

1993

First VATS lobectomy

1992

First lung transplantation in Switzerland, since then more than 500 lung transplantations have been performed

Accreditation

[Privatklinik Bethanien](#)

[Medizinisches Zentrum Haus zur Pyramide](#)

Specialties

[Thoracic surgery](#)

[General surgery](#)

[Da Vinci](#)

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