

**The speakers  
in alphabetical order**

**Professor Dr. Johann Behrens  
Professor of Sociology, Social Economy and Health Sciences**

Johann Behrens started his professional career as a paramedic, nursery school teacher and television journalist before habilitating in sociology and social economy. In 1987, he advocated the establishment of the Centre for Social Policy in Bremen as a founding member. He established the first Centre for Evidence-Based Nursing on the European continent in 1998. One year later, he became the founding director of the first Institute of Health Sciences - including therapeutic and nursing sciences - at a medical faculty (Halle-Wittenberg). Today, he maintains professorships and guest professorships at numerous universities, for example in Ann Arbor (University of Michigan), Halle-Wittenberg, Innsbruck, Toronto, Bochum and Luxembourg.

**Professor Dr. Ansgar Gerhardus  
Head of the Health Services Research Department at the Institute for Public Health,  
University of Bremen**

Ansgar Gerhardus is physician and social scientist. Since 2011, he has been head of the Health Services Research Department at the Institute for Public Health and Nursing Research, University of Bremen. Prior to assuming this position, he worked as a physician and researcher at clinics and universities in Germany, the United States, South America and Africa. His main focus is on the evidence in complex interventions within health care, patient orientation and the transfer of science to practice. Since 2012, he has been acting as Chairman of the German Public Health Association.

**Professor Dr. Stephanie Läer  
Head of the Institute for Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacotherapy at the Heinrich Heine  
University in Düsseldorf**

Stephanie Läer is a specialist for pharmacology and toxicology as well as for clinical pharmacology. Since 2004, she has been head of the Institute for Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacotherapy at the Heinrich Heine University in Düsseldorf. She has been a member of the Drug Commission since 2015 and is the General Secretary of the European Society of Paediatric and Perinatal Pharmacology. She is also deputy member of the Drug Commission for Children and Adolescents at the Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices (BfArM).

**Dr. Edith Pfenning**  
**Head of the Methods Assessment and Prescribed Services Department of the Federal Joint Committee**

Edith Pfenning is chemist with a doctorate in physical chemistry. She has been working with the Federal Joint Committee (G-BA) since 2002, where she is head of the Methods Assessment and Prescribed Services Department. Before this, she had worked in the management of the scientific advisory board of the German Medical Association for about 10 years; she started as an advisor and then assumed the position of deputy department head.

**Professor Dr. Martin Posch**  
**Professor for Medical Statistics at the Medical University of Vienna**

Martin Posch is a professor for medical statistics at the Medical University of Vienna and head of the Centre for Medical Statistics, Informatics and Intelligent Systems. From 2011 to 2012, he worked with the European Medicines Agency (EMA) in London at the Human Medicines Development and Evaluation Department, where he was in charge of coordinating the Biostatistics Working Party. Moreover, he was involved in the development of guidelines and the assessment of study designs. Martin Posch is associate editor of Biometrics and the Biometrical Journal as well as president of the Austria-Switzerland region of the International Biometric Society.

**Professor Dr. Uwe Siebert**  
**Professor for Public Health at the UMIT – Private University for Health Sciences, Medical Informatics and Technique in Hall i. T., Austria**

Uwe Siebert is a professor for Public Health, Medical Decision Making und Health Technology Assessment (HTA) at the Austrian UMIT. He is head of the Department for Public Health, Health Services Research and HTA. In addition, he manages the Department of HTA and Bioinformatics of the ONCOTYROL Centre for Personalized Cancer Medicine, Innsbruck. He is adjunct professor for health policy and management at the Harvard Chan School of Public Health, and Director of the Cardiovascular Research Programme at the Institute for Technology Assessment and Department of Radiology of the Massachusetts General Hospital at the Harvard Medical School in Boston. He is member of numerous national and international professional societies and advises the Austrian Ministry of Health on the “National HTA Strategy“.

**PD Dr. Nicole Skoetz**

**Head of the Cochrane Haematological Malignancies Group and Scientific Coordinator SOP AG at the Comprehensive Cancer Centre Network of the German Cancer Aid at Cologne University Hospital**

Since 2014, Nicole Skoetz has been head of the Cochrane Haematological Malignancies Group at the Clinic I for Internal Medicine, Cologne University Hospital, where she has also been in charge of the scientific coordination of the SOP AG at the Comprehensive Cancer Centre Network of the German Cancer Aid since 2015. Being a graduated and habilitated physician, she works as lecturer for internal medicine at the health, nurses and paediatric nurses training school of the Cologne University Hospital. In 2014, Nicole Skoetz was awarded the Cochrane Collaboration Complementary Medicine Field Bursary Award for "Mindfulness based stress reduction for women with breast cancer", followed by a prize for "Yoga for haematological malignancies" in 2013.

**PD Dr. Ulrich Thiem**

**Head Physician at the Haus Berge Centre for Geriatric Medicine, Elisabeth Hospital Essen**

Ulrich Thiem is a specialist for internal medicine with the additional title of "Geriatric Medicine and Physical Therapy". Since 2006, he has been the Head Physician for Geriatric Medicine 'Haus Berge', Elisabeth Hospital Essen. Since 2003, he has been teaching at the Ruhr University Bochum in the model and conventional study programme for medicine on topics of evidence-based and internal medicine, geriatric medicine and biometrics. From 2008 to 2014, he was involved in the development of a health care model for older people with multiple diseases (multimorbidity) in his capacity as coordinator in the PRISCUS research association. Ulrich Thiem is a reviewer for several national and international journals and was co-editor at PLoS ONE from 2009 to 2014.

**Dr. Martina Weise**

**Head of the Licensing 2 Department at the Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices**

Martina Weise is the head of the Licensing 2 Department at the Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices (BfArM) and deputy member of the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) of the European Medicines Agency (EMA). She was the vice chairwoman of the CHMP's Biosimilar Working Party (BMWP) for 12 years. Martina Weise is specialist for paediatric and adolescent medicine with a clinical and scientific focus on endocrinology. She has gathered many years of experience in clinical and laboratory research at the National Institutes of Health in the USA. Her publications have focused on the fields of growth and adrenal disorders, in recent years she has mainly concentrated on biosimilars.

**The moderator**  
**Professor Holger Wormer**  
**Professor for Scientific Journalism**

Since 2004, Holger Wormer has been working as freelance author and professor for scientific journalism at the Technical University of Dortmund. He is member of the jury for the German Research Foundation's Communicator Award. Since 1986, he has been working as freelance journalist for various media, such as Rheinische Post, dpa, P.M. Magazine, and for the West German Broadcasting Corporation. From 1996 to 2004, he was a scientific and medical editor at Süddeutsche Zeitung with a main focus on medicine, genetic engineering as well as quality, ethics and falsification in research. Holger Wormer has published several books. He studied chemistry with philosophy as a minor subject in Heidelberg, Ulm and Lyon. He received several awards, his project "medien-doktor.de", for instance, was nominated for the Grimme Online Award 2011.