

Curriculum Vitae

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Qualified as a doctor (cand. med.) from the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, January 1977.
Fully registered by the National Health Service of Denmark, December 1979.
Fully registered by the General Medical Council, UK, March 1982.
European Certification on Medical Oncology, October 1991, Medical Oncologist's Re-certification Approval, August 2000.
Specialist in Oncology, February 1992.
Doctor of Medical Science (dr. med.), University of Copenhagen, June 1992. (Title of dissertation: Prognostic Factors in Hodgkin's Disease)

Clinical and Research Appointments.

Present positions:

Chief Oncologist, Dept. of Oncology, Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen University Hospital, since 2001.
Professor of Oncology, University of Copenhagen, since 2009.

Clinical work including all types of non-surgical cancer treatments in all types of solid tumours and haematological malignancies since 1977. Particular expertise in the treatment of lymphomas and head & neck cancers, and in advanced radiotherapy techniques.
3 years as a research fellow of the Danish Cancer Society.
Chief Oncologist, Dept. of Oncology, Herlev Hospital, University of Copenhagen, 1994-2000.
Associate Professor of Oncology, University of Copenhagen, 2003-9.
Assessor in Oncology and Haematology, The Danish Medicines Agency, 2006-9.

Research area

Clinical research in new advanced technologies in imaging and radiation oncology, with special emphasis on lymphomas, head & neck cancer, and long-term complications of treatment.
PI or co-investigator on many phase I, II, and III trials and meta-analyses.

Research supervision

Supervisor of 18 completed, and 2 ongoing PhD projects and numerous post doc, postgraduate, and pregraduate projects.

Publications and presentations

> 300 publications, 3 books and 31 book chapters, > 500 oral presentations and posters at national and international meetings, > 180 invited international lectures. H-index 73, > 25,000 citations.

Leadership

National: Head of Research, Dept. of Oncology, Rigshospitalet.
Leader of Multidisciplinary Radiotherapy Research Group, Dept. of Radiation Oncology, Rigshospitalet.
Past member of the Research Committee of Rigshospitalet, and Chairman of the Biobank Committee.
Past chairman of the Danish Hodgkin Lymphoma Group, within the framework of the Danish Lymphoma Group.
Past chairman of the Accelerator Capacity Committee of the Danish Society of Oncology.
Past member of the Committee on Scientific Dishonesty, Subcommittee for Health Sciences, The Danish Research Agency.
Past chairman of The Prize and Symposium Committee, The Danish Cancer Society.
Member of the Nordic Lymphoma Group. Working Group on Hodgkin Lymphoma.
Scientific evaluator for the Danish National Advanced Technology Foundation (Højteknologifonden), the Danish Council for Independent Research (Det Frie Forskningsråd), and the Innovation Fund Denmark
Chairman of the Danish Lymphoma Radiation Oncology Group (DALROG)
Chairman of the Radiotherapy Committee of the Danish Lymphoma Group

International: Member of the EORTC Lymphoma Group and Radiotherapy Subcommittee.
Editor of the Cochrane Haematological Malignancies Group.
Member of the UICC TNM Expert Panel on Lymphomas.
International member of the Clinical Trials Advisory and Awards Committee (CTAAC), and of the Clinical Scientist Fellowship Selection Panel, Cancer Research UK.
Member of The Advisory Board of Acta Oncologica.
Scientific reviewer for The Wellcome Trust, The Health Innovation Challenge Fund; Children Cancerfree (KiKa), Amsterdam, The Netherlands; the Swedish Research Council.
Scientific advisor for EORTC Protocol Review Committee, the Norwegian Health Service, and the Health Service Executive of the Republic of Ireland.
Vice President, The International Lymphoma Radiation Oncology Group (ILROG).

Organizer, chairman and member of scientific committees for numerous international and national conferences and scientific meetings.

Member of advisory boards for Merck Serono, Amgen, Boehringer-Ingelheim, Takeda, Fresenius Biotech, and Kyowa Kirin.

Research evaluation

Professorships: Stanford University, Copenhagen University, Oslo University, Turku University, University of Florida, Harvard Medical School, and MD Anderson Cancer Center.
Doctoral and PhD theses: Lund University, Copenhagen University, Oslo University, University of New South Wales, and Uppsala University.
Reviews for scientific journals: Numerous, including JAMA, Journal of the National Cancer Institute; Lancet Oncology; New England Journal of Medicine; Journal of Clinical Oncology; International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology, Physics; European Journal of Haematology; Annals of Oncology; Radiotherapy and Oncology; Leukemia and Lymphoma.

Teaching

Teaching at pre- and postgraduate and research level, both nationally and internationally.
Teacher and past member of the Steering Committee, for the PhD programme in "Clinical Cancer Research", Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Copenhagen.
Course Director, ESTRO-ILROG Course on Haematological Malignancies.

Awards

The Oncology Award, Danish Society of Oncology, 2004.
Kaj Bunch-Jensen and Allis Bunch-Jensens Foundation Prize, 2010.
Global Excellence in Health Award to Research Group, The Municipal Region, 2010, renewed 2014.
Lifetime Achievement Award, European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology (ESTRO), 2022.