



## Dr méd. Volker Kirchner

Specialist in Medical Oncology and General Internal Medicine, FMH member

### Profile

#### Languages

French, English and German

#### Work experience

- 2001-2003 Associate, Oncocare, Sonnenhof AG, Bern: [www.oncocare.ch](http://www.oncocare.ch), Chief physician of Laboratoire, Sonnenhof AG, Bern, Switzerland  
Supervising physician, haemovigilance programme, Sonnenhof AG, Bern  
Supervising physician, hospital hygiene, Sonnenhof AG, Bern
- since 1998 Medical Practice, Internal Medicine, Oncology, Hematology, Clinique de Genolier, Switzerland  
Supervising physician in charge of hematology-oncology, transfusion medicine, haemovigilance-pharmacovigilance-materiovigilance-Swissmedic, Genolier, Switzerland  
Clinical Affiliate, Memorial Sloan Kettering International Oncology Program, NY, USA  
Oncology-Hematology, Maunoir, Eaux-Vives, Geneva, Switzerland  
Oncology-Hematology, Chantpoulet Medical Group, Eaux-Vives, Geneva, Switzerland
- 1997 Head of Clinic, Clinique de Medicine 2, Prof. F. Waldvogel, MD, HCUG
- 1997-1998 Fellowship, Oncology-Hematology, Department of Medicine, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Center, New York, NY USA
- 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 Fundamental research rotation for 5 months, Foundation for Medical Research, Prof. W. Schelgel, PhD, HCUG
- 1991-1993 Head of Clinic-Assistant, Clinique de Medicine 2, Prof. F. Waldvogel, HCUG
- 1990-1991 Physician-Assistant, Hematology, Polyclinic of Medicine, Prof. PA. Miescher, Prof. H.Stalder, HCUG
- 1989-1990 Physician-Assistant, Oncology, Onco-Hematology Division, Prof. Alberto, HCUG.
- 1986 Doctor, vaccination campaign, Médecins sans Frontières
- 1986-1989 Physician-Assistant, Clinique de Medicine 2, Prof. F. Waldvogel, Cantonal University Hospital of Geneva (HCUG), Switzerland

Member of the Executive Board at Swiss Medical Network  
Chief Operating Officer, Genolier Cancer Center  
Program Director / Hematology-Oncology, Medical Affairs, Transfusion Medicine, Genolier.  
Medical Commission Secretary, Clinique de Genolier  
Regional President of the Medical Society  
President elect 2018-2019, Swiss Society of Medical Oncology  
Co-President of Swiss Society of Medical Oncology  
Member of Swiss Cancer Network  
Scientific member of FoROME

### Education

2005	Postgraduate, Pharmaceutical (HEC-Lausanne)
since 2005	Continuing Education Diploma, FMH Oncology
2003	Postgraduate degree in Economics and Health administration. MHEM: Master in Health Economics and Management. IEMS, HEC; Lausanne, Switzerland
2003	Postgraduate Certificate in Palliative Care, (CHUV-Lausanne)
since 2001	Continuing Education Diploma, Internal Medicine FMH
1998	FMH Oncology, mention according to former Swiss FMH title: oncology-hematology
1997	PhD in Medicine, Geneva
1997	FMH, Internal Medicine, Switzerland
1997	Certified member, European Society of Medical Oncology (ESMO)
1991	ECFMG certification
1986	University Geneva, University Hospital Geneva-Switzerland IEMS-HEC University Lausanne (MHEM) Harvard Boston USA Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center NY USA

### Memberships

- CCO GCC (Genolier Cancer Center)
- Responsible for vigilance (Genolier and Eaux Vives) (hemo-vigilance, matero-vigilance, pharmaco-vigilance, Swissmedic, canton authorities)
- Secretary of the Medical Commission of Genolier
- Member of the Advisory Board of Swiss Medical Network (SMN)
- President-elect 2018-2019, Swiss Society of Medical Oncology
- Co-President of Swiss Society of Medical Oncology (SSOM)
- FMH Chamber Delegate
- Delegate at Swiss Federation of Specialties in Medicine (SFSM)
- Member of the committee, Past Vice-President, Swiss Cancer Network (SCN)
- Committee member and treasurer of GHORIV-P (Group of oncologists - radiologists, infectious diseases and pathologists, Vaud region)
- Committee member of ROV (Waldensian Oncology Network)
- President, regional group, Nyon-Aubonne-Rolle
- Member of the central committee of La Côte Foundation for home care and prevention (of key importance in the application phase regarding the reorganization of regional care, following health network 2017 law and 2016 decree)
- Municipal councilor, Nyon

### Competences

Originating from Bremen, Dr. Volker Kirchner studied at the Faculty of Medicine in Geneva, working for ten years at Geneva University Hospitals (HUG) as Physician-Assistant in medicine, then in oncology and hematology before becoming Assistant Clinic Head. He then started a few months in Fundamental research in Geneva before flying to Harvard University in Boston, where he continued Fellowship training in research for a further three years.

Dr. Kirchner returned to Geneva as Head of Clinic at HUG for one year before returning to the United States. At the onset of the year 2000, he joined the famous Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC), in New York. He stayed there for a 2-year fellowship in onco-hematology. Since that period, he has kept close ties with the center and created synergies between Clinique de Genolier and MSKCC.

Upon his return to Switzerland, Dr. Kirchner worked for several years at Sonnenhof Hospital in the Lindenhof Group in Bern. After successfully obtaining FMH specialty certification, he joined Clinique de Genolier in 1998, where he set up his practice. Over the years, he has taken on multiple functions alongside his medical practice (Supervising Physician in charge of hemovigilance, pharmacovigilance and material vigilance for Swissmedic, (the Swiss authority for the control of therapeutic products) as well as being involved in Nyon regional politics and taking on further university studies to graduate with a postgraduate degree in Economics and Health Administration at the University of Economics (HEC) of Lausanne, followed by various postgraduate certificates and diplomas, more specifically in the fields of pharmaceutical and palliative care.

More recently, he added the position of Program Director of Genolier Cancer Center (GCC) and Executive Member of the Swiss Medical Network to his multiple functions.

## Publications

Treatment of anemia in gynecology: use of epoetin in onco-gynecology and gynecological surgery. V. Kirchner and Anemia Working Group. Swiss Medical Journal 15; 14.04.2005

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Kirchner V, Aapro MS, Terrey J-P, Alberto P. Granisetron compared with granisetron plus dexamethasone. A double-blind cross-over study (European Journal of Cancer. 33(10):1605-10, 1997)

Kirchner V, Aapro MS. Evaluating the Cost-Effectiveness of New Drugs: the "Setrons" as an Example. European School of Oncology Monographs, 1996

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## Accreditation

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## Specialties

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