

Curriculum Vitae – Peter Heusser

1950 Born in Brienz, Switzerland

Citizenship Swiss

Current position

Since 2009 Holder of the Chair Theory of Medicine, Integrative and Anthroposophic Medicine, and Director of the Centre for Integrative Medicine, University of Witten/Herdecke, Germany

Education, qualifications, academic experience

1969 – 1976 Study of medicine at the University of Bern, Switzerland; Swiss medical diploma

1977 – 1982 Specialty training in Family Medicine (internal medicine, surgery, paediatrics) and Anthroposophic Medicine, Ita Wegman Klinik and Lukas Klinik, Arlesheim, Switzerland,

1983 Doctoral degree, University of Basel, Switzerland

2000 Certificate of Qualification in Anthroposophic Medicine, Anthroposophic Medical Association of Switzerland (VAOAS) / Swiss Medical Association (FMH)

2007 Accreditation as Specialist for Family Medicine by the Swiss Medical Association (FMH).

1995 – 2008 Lecturer in Anthroposophic Medicine, Institute of Complementary Medicine (KIKOM), Medical Faculty, University of Bern, Switzerland

2003 – 2006 Master's degree in medical education, University of Bern, Switzerland

Clinical practice

1978 – 1982 Physician-in-charge for an anthroposophically oriented orthopedagogic home in eastern Switzerland

1982 – 2007 Lukas Klinik, Arlesheim, Switzerland, outpatient cancer clinic, anthroposophic medicine

2008 Ita Wegman Klinik, Arlesheim, Switzerland, outpatient cancer clinic, anthroposophic medicine

2005 – 2008 University hospital of Bern, Switzerland, consultant and outpatient cancer clinic, anthroposophic medicine

Since 2009 Community Hospital Herdecke, Germany, teaching rounds and cancer board, anthroposophic medicine

Main areas of research

- 1991 – 1996 Lukas Klinik Arlesheim, Switzerland and Hospital for Gynaecology, Obstetrics and Paediatrics, Kiev, Ukraine: Immunological clinical effects of *Viscum album* in immunocompromised Chernobyl-exposed children with chronic recurrent infections
- 1990 – 2005 Medical Section at the Goetheanum, Dornach, Switzerland: Networking for research in Anthroposophic Medicine. Establishment of the International Research Council of the Medical Section.
Impetus for central documentation of literature on Anthroposophic Medicine, CamBase project, University of Witten/Herdecke, Germany
- 1993 – 2006 Swiss National Fund for Scientific Research; Institute of Medical Oncology, University of Bern, Switzerland; and Lukas Klinik, Arlesheim, Switzerland: Co-chairman of a multicenter study on quality of life in patients with advanced cancer under the influence of anthroposophic cancer therapy.
- 1995 – 2009 University of Bern, Switzerland: Establishment of and overall responsibility for research at the Department of Anthroposophic Medicine, formation of working groups on the following topics:
- Basic research on the action of homoeopathically potentized substances in physical and biological systems
 - Rhythmology and physiological action of anthroposophic artistic therapies
 - Clinical research on the action of anthroposophic preparations and treatments: immunological and anticancer action of mistletoe preparations, procoagulatory action of homoeopathically potentized antimony, curative eurythmy in children with attention deficit and hyperactivity syndrome
 - Educational research in Anthroposophic Medicine and Complementary Medicine
 - Publishing on medical anthropology and theory of medicine
- 1996 – 2005 Swiss Federal Offices of Social Insurance and Health: commissioned as expert for the development of criteria for evaluation of the benefit of complementary medical methods, member of the national steering committee of the Swiss Programme for Evaluation of Complementary Medicine (PEK)
- Since 2009 University of Witten/Herdecke, Germany: Head of Department of Medical Theory, Integrative and Anthroposophic Medicine at the University of Witten/Herdecke. Initiation of projects on basic research, translational and clinical research, healthcare research, educational research. Articles on medical anthropology and theory of medicine. Establishment of a co-ordination centre for clinical research at the Community Hospital Herdecke, Germany

Earlier teaching posts

- 1982 – 1990 Cantonal schools of nursing in Zurich and Sarnen, Switzerland: Introductory courses in Anthroposophic Medicine.
- 1983 – 2005 Medical Section at the Goetheanum, Dornach, Switzerland: Courses in Anthroposophic Medicine for medical students
- Since 1983 Anthroposophic Seminars for Physicians in Arlesheim, Switzerland and Filderstadt, Germany (Eugen Kolisko Academy): Scientific principles of Anthroposophic Medicine
- 1984 – 1990 Troxler Institute, Basel, Switzerland: Co-initiator of a scientifically oriented philosophical-anthroposophic studium fundamentale; involved in its implementation.
- 1995 – 2008 Medical Faculty of the University of Bern, Switzerland: problem-oriented teaching, lectures, seminars and clinical electives in Anthroposophic Medicine for students of medicine, pharmacy and nursing

Numerous invitations from various universities and medical societies to give scientific presentations.

Memberships

- American Association for the Advancement of Science AAAS
- Association for Medical Education in Europe AMEE
- European Society for Philosophy, Medicine and Healthcare ESPMH
- Forum of University Research Groups for Complementary Medicine in Europe
- General Anthroposophical Society, Dornach, Switzerland
- Goethe Society in Weimar
- International Society for Complementary Medicine Research ISCMR, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- School of Spiritual Science at the Goetheanum, Dornach, Switzerland
- Society for Integrative Oncology SIO, USA
- Society for Medical Education (Gesellschaft für Medizinische Ausbildung), Germany
- Society of Anthroposophically Oriented Doctors in Switzerland (VAOAS)
- Society of German Scientists and Physicians (Gesellschaft Deutscher Naturforscher und Ärzte)
- Swiss Study Group for Complementary and Alternative Methods in Cancer SCAC

Assistant editor and scientific advisor to journals

- Research in Complementary Medicine, assistant editor (Karger, Freiburg i. Br.)
- Swiss Journal of Integrative Medicine, scientific advisor (Karger, Freiburg i. Br)

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