

In memoriam of Prof. Dr. med. Werner Wichmann, MD

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Professor Dr. med. Werner Wichmann, honorary member of the Swiss Society of Neuroradiology (SGNR), passed away on 26.01.2023 in presence of his family. The public funeral service took place on Friday, 17 March 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the large church in Fluntern, Zurich.



Prof. Dr. med. Werner Wichmann, MD

May this serve as a living tribute to his memory

Werner Wichmann played a key role in shaping the emergence of the Swiss Society of Neuroradiology SGNR and the discipline itself. As an examiner and commission president, he was committed for many years to the standards to be met by a person working in clinical neuroradiology and at the same time was able to build trust in the next generation. In his acceptance speech for the award of honorary membership in 2022, Werner Wichmann summed up as follows:

"...Through the fruitful cooperation of companies,

basic researchers, engineers and physicians, astonishing progress has been achieved over the last four decades. Through these, our discipline is in constant mutual exchange with almost all other disciplines in medicine and beyond. This is of course a great privilege of our discipline, but it also offers a certain danger of being appropriated by other disciplines and even marginalized in the end. I believe that a relevant success factor of our Society has been to find the right mix of cooperation and awareness of the importance of one's own research discipline. It has been a great honor for me to accompany this discipline together with you from its beginnings to becoming an integral part of primary health care. When looking into a possible future, the first thing you realize is that you will probably no longer be able to personally accompany it in the same time frame as the past decades. The new generation, in which I have confidence, will now have to face unknown challenges. Needless to say, I will not be able to offer you any solutions or advice personally. Except, perhaps, that we are among those who most directly serve the people in this field of tension between research, commercial implementation and clinical application, and thus also have an obligation and the right to confidently represent our point of view in the future...."

The SGNR loses an outstanding personality and mourns the loss of one of its great members. On behalf of all SGNR members, the SGNR Board extends its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

The SGNR will honor his memory at its general meeting, which will take place during this year's SGNR annual conference on Thursday, 8 June 2023 in Zurich.

Memberships by Prof. Dr. med. Werner Wichmann

Prof. Dr. med. Werner Wichmann was a member of the following medical societies:

1. Swiss Society of Neuroradiology (SGNR) (Several years on the Board of Directors and hon-

- orary member)
- 2. German Society of Neuroradiology (DGNR)
- 3. Swiss Society of Radiology (SGR) (Honorary member)
- 4. European Society of Radiology (ESR)
- 5. Swiss Medical Association (FMH)
- 6. Medical Association of the Canton of Zurich (AGZ)
- 7. Zurich Society of Neurologists (ZNG)

Scientific contributions by Prof. Dr. med. Werner Wichmann

Without claiming to be exhaustive, we have compiled a list of the most important scientific publications by Prof. Dr. med. Werner Wichmann.

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Personal experience of the author

My personal experience with Prof. Werner Wichmann, MD, originates from the period 2015 to 2017 in the Clinic of Neuroradiology at the University Hospital Zurich (USZ). I had the good fortune to work with Prof. Dr. med. Wichmann at the USZ. In our daily meetings I got to know him as an always helpful, humble, and very approachable person. All his efforts were dedicated to his family. He was a family man who drew his almost inexhaustible energy from the knowledge that he was needed. He felt good at the thought that he could contribute something for his family, for his colleagues and for all those who worked with him. One could get the impression that he was somehow not thinking about himself at all. His patients and their needs have always been his top priority. He was an excellent and very patient teacher, and I am very grateful for all of what I could learn from him. Thank you very much for your good advice, your dedication, and your time. Farewell my friend wherever you are now.

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