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Prof. Dr. med. Ivo Meinhold-Heerlein is currently serving as the acting head of Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at the University Hospital RWTH Aachen.

He studied at the Universities of Lübeck and Freiburg during 1989–1996 and started his residency at the department of Gynecology and Obstetrics of the University of Freiburg. He completed his residency at the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics of the University of Kiel and received his board certification in 2006. He subspecialized in obstetrics and perinatal medicine, 2009; and in gynecologic oncology, 2013, respectively.

He has been serving as the acting head of the Kiel School of Gynaecological Endoscopy during 2006–2008 and is an internationally recognized authority in endoscopic surgery. He has contributed to teaching and training

programs in Africa, Asia, and Europe and is holding the MIC III certificate of the German Society of Gynecological Endoscopy (AGE). He was awarded with numerous awards including the Hans-Frangenheim Award of the AGE in 2008.

His scientific focus lies on molecular biology of ovarian cancer. He has spent a postdoctoral research period at the Burnham Institute/La Jolla (USA) funded by the German Cancer Aid (Mildred-Scheel fellowship), 1999–2001. He was the first gynecologist participating in the prestigious Max-Eder program of the German Cancer Aid. He has received numerous awards for his research including the Dr. Rockstroh award of the German Society of Gynecology and Obstetrics in 2010.

He currently serves as a board member of the Ovary Group as well as the Translational Research Group of the German Society of Gynecological Oncology (AGO). In addition, he serves as a board member of the Endometriosis Research Foundation (SEF).

He is holding an extraordinary professorship at the Medical Faculty of the RWTH Aachen University and has recently been appointed as associate honorary professor at the Faculty of Health Science of the University of Cape Town (South Africa).

Conflict of interest None.

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