



Christoph Berger is a specialist FMH for children and adolescents and for infectiology. He is Head of the Department of Infectiology and Hospital Hygiene at the University Children's Hospital in Zurich, responsible for and Head of Vaccinology and Hospital Hygiene, Deputy Director of the Medical Clinic and Titular Professor of Paediatrics, especially Paediatric Infectious Diseases at the University of Zurich. After completing his medical studies at the University of Zurich and his clinical training as a paediatrician, he went on to further training and specialisation in the field of infectious diseases. In addition to clinical work, this also included a postdoctoral fellowship in the USA with studies on the connection between virus infection, immune response and virus-associated tumours, with Epstein-Barr virus in particular.

This work was continued at the University Children's Hospital Zurich and was awarded the Pfizer Prize in 2002. After building up the hospital hygiene department and delving into vaccinology, great commitment followed in conducting multicentre studies (sepsis), in the national harmonisation of drug dosages for children and in vaccination promotion.

Christoph Berger's main concern is the high-quality clinical care and treatment of children with infectious diseases as well as the prevention of these diseases. He follows a pathogenesis-driven understanding of infectious diseases and their diagnosis, therapy and prevention in clinics, teaching and research. He is involved in paediatric infectiology at the UZH and nationally in the Swiss Paediatric Infectiology Group (www.pigs.ch; president and board member 2004-2022). He has been a member of Infovac (www.infovac.ch) since 2006, a member of the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (EKIF) since 2012 and its president since 2015, including during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Declaration of interests

Name	Legal form	Gremium	Task
Swiss National Immunization Advisory Committee: Eidgenössische Kommission für Impffragen (EKIF)	Commission		President 2023
Swiss Society for Infectious Diseases (www.sginf.ch)	Association	Board	Member
Swisspeddose (www.swisspeddose.ch)	Association	Board	President
Vacupdate (Medvis)	No legal form	Advisory board	Expert
Swiss Society of Pediatrics: pädiatrie schweiz	Association		Honorary member
Paediatric Infectious Diseases Group Switzerland (PIGS.ch)	Association		Member