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Professor Christian Hamm studied medicine at the German Universities of Mainz and Hamburg prior to completing his fellowship at the Ischemic Heart Research Unit at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, as well as in the University of Hamburg's Department of Cardiology. He received his license to practice medicine in 1979.

In 1989 he became Associate Professor in Internal Medicine and Cardiology at the same University, moving on to Professor at the Department of Cardiology in 1996. Three years later he became Director of Cardiology, Kerckhoff Heart and Thorax Center in Bad Nauheim, before taking the helm as Medical Director and CEO of the centre's cardiology unit. Professor Hamm also directs the Medical Clinic I, University Hospital Giessen since 2011. In his career to date, he has received a number of accolades, among which the ESC Silver Medal in 2009.

Professor Hamm is a fellow of the German Cardiac Society and the German Society of Internal Medicine, as well as the European Society of Cardiology, the American College of Cardiology, and the American Heart Association. He served on the Board of the European Society of Cardiology, was in 2012 Congress President of the German Society of Cardiothoracic Surgery, and is current President of the German Cardiac Society.

Professor Hamm's major fields of research include cardiac biomarkers, acute coronary syndrome, interventional cardiology, cardiac MRI and CT.

He is a member of several editorial boards of major cardiology publications, including the European Heart Journal, and has published more than 400 peer-reviewed papers, 90 editorials and reviews, more than 800 abstracts and three books.

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