

Curriculum Vitae

Professor Dr. med. habil. Björn Dirk Krapohl, MD



Professional Title

Professor of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery
Hand Surgery and Emergency Medicine

Personal Information

Born in Essen, Germany. Married to Dr. Ursula Tanzella, MD, Four children. Catholic.
Residence: Brandenburg and Berlin, Germany

Current Position

Interdisciplinary Plastic and Hand Surgeon
Program Director for International Hospital Partnerships
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Professional Appointments and Academic Career

- 2024: President, German Society for Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (DGPW)
Congress President of the 1st Joint Congress of the Nepali and German
Societies for Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- Since 2021: Member of the Ethics Committee of the Brandenburg Medical Association,
Examiner, Brandenburg Medical Association
- Since 2020: Founder and Project Director of the Hospital Partnership between Carl
Thiem Hospital Cottbus and The Nepal Cleft and Burn Center, Kathmandu,
Nepal - supported by the German Agency for International Cooperation
(GIZ) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and
Development (BMZ)
- Since 2018: Interdisciplinary Plastic, Reconstructive, Aesthetic, and Hand Surgeon,
Medical University Lausatia – Carl Thiem, (formerly Carl-Thiem Hospital)
Cottbus, Germany
- 2015 2024: Consultant Surgeon Charité – Medical University of Berlin
Special focus on reconstructive surgery and congenital hand deformities
in children
- 2015 – 2017: Chief of Plastic and Hand Surgery, St. Marien Hospital, Berlin, Germany
- Since 2015: Member of the Expert Panel for Hand Surgery
Berlin Center for Musicians' Medicine (BCMM), Charité Berlin
Student Mentor for Plastic Surgery, Charité – Medical University of Berlin
- 2012: Visiting Professor, State Medical University of Tbilisi, Georgia
- 2010 – 2011: Visiting Professor, Military Medical Academy, Hanoi, Vietnam
- 2008 – 2014: Academic Teaching Coordinator for the Charité – Medical University of
Berlin at the Military Hospital Berlin
- 2008 2015: Appointed Honorary Judge, Northern Military Service Court,
Potsdam, Germany
- Since 2007 Appointed Adjunct Professor (apl. Professor) of Plastic Surgery,
University of Lübeck, Germany
- 2005 – 2015: Founder and Head of the Department of Plastic and Hand Surgery,
Military Hospital Berlin and Center for Musculoskeletal Surgery, Charité –
Medical University of Berlin
- 2004: Venia Docendi (Teaching Qualification), Medical University of Vienna, Austria

- 2004 – 2005: Private Practice for Plastic, Aesthetic and Hand Surgery, Vienna, Austria
- 2003 – 2005: Senior Surgeon Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery,
Hospital Lainz, Vienna, Austria (Prof. Maria Deutinger, MD)
- 2003: Board Certification in Plastic, Reconstructive, and Aesthetic Surgery
Habilitation and Teaching Qualification (Venia Legendi)
University of Lübeck, Germany
- 1999 – 2003: Resident, Department of Plastic and Hand Surgery and Severe Burn Center
University of Lübeck and Red Cross Hospital Ratzeburg, Germany
(Prof. Peter Mailänder, MD)
- 1998 – 1999: Resident, Department of Orthopedic Surgery, Kassel, Germany
(Prof. Werner Siebert, MD)
- 1997 – 1998: Developer in Microsurgical Robotics, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL),
Robotics Research, Pasadena, California, USA (Tim Ohms, PhD)
- 1996 – 1997: Resident and Research Fellow, Department of Plastic and Reconstructive
Surgery, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio, USA
(Maria Siemionow, MD, PhD; James E. Zins, MD)
- 1995 – 1996: Resident, Department of Hand Surgery, Bad Neustadt an der Saale, Germany
(Prof. Ulrich Lanz, MD)
- 1995: German Medical License
United States Medical License (MD)
Doctorate in Medicine (Dr. med.), Department of Reproductive Biology and
Endocrinology, RWTH Technical University of Aachen, Germany
- 1994 – 1995: Resident, Department of Orthopedic Trauma Surgery, Hannover Medical School,
Germany (Prof. Harald Tscherne, MD)

Medical Studies

- 1986 – 1994: Medical Studies at:
- Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany
 - RWTH Aachen University, Germany
 - University of Cologne, Germany
 - Université Paris Cité (Paris-Decartes), Paris, France
 - University of Western Ontario. London, Canada
 - University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada
 - Jefferson University, Philadelphia, USA

Military Service

1984 – 1986: Military Service and Reserve Officer Training in Transmission
and Light Infantry, German Armed Forces
in: Lippstadt, Feldafing, and Starnberg, Germany

School Education

1975 – 1978: Highschool (Gymnasium) in Essen and Bingen, Germany
Degree: Abitur

1971 – 1975: Primary School in Essen, Germany

Extracurricular Qualities and Interests

Languages: German: native speaker
 English: fluent
 Latin: advanced, Latium I and II
 French: basics

Music Instruments: Trumpet, Horn (Fuerst Pless Horn, Parforce Horn)

Physical Activities: tap dancing, skiing, snowboarding, fitness, horseback riding

Further Interests: professional and social networking

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