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## Prof. Benedikt Schoser

*Professor of Neurology and Senior Consultant*

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Prof. Benedikt Schoser is co-founder and chair of the European Pompe Consortium. He serves as member of the editorial board of Neuromuscular Disorders, Journal of Neuromuscular Diseases and Current opinions in Neurology. He was the chair of the Scientific Board of Neuromuscular Centres in Germany until early 2017. He is fellow of the European Academy of Neurology and currently serves as co-chair of the Scientific Muscle and Neuromuscular panel and at the Education board of the European Academy of Neurology. He is organizer of the World Muscle Society teaching course.

He finished his medical thesis at the Institute of Neuropathology in Mainz, Germany and started a career in general neurology at the University Hospitals Mainz, Frankfurt. He was nominated as full-time senior neurologist at the Friedrich-Baur-Institute, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich in 2001, where he went on to receive his post-graduate degree in habilitation in 2004 and diploma in palliative medicine in 2016. He is currently senior consultant neurologist and co-chair of the Friedrich-Baur-Institute.

Prof. Schoser's research interests include multisystemic neuromuscular disorders and metabolic and myotonic myopathies. He has authored and co-authored more than 260 peer-reviewed articles, contributed to over 40 book chapters with a focus on neurology and muscle pathology in the field of diagnosis and translational trials.



## Dr. Maxwell Damian

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Dr. Maxwell Damian is a neurologist and neurointensivist with a special interest in the emergency and critical care of neuromuscular disorders. He studied medicine in Germany and the UK and completed specialist training in Germany in 1992. Subsequently, he worked as a consultant in neurological intensive care and neuromuscular disease at the University Hospital Dresden, Germany where he was Privatdozent (Reader) in Neurology, and director of the neurocritical care unit. He then moved to Cambridge, UK as consultant in Neurosciences. He chaired the Special Interest group in Neurocritical Care of the Association of British Neurologists from 2010 through 2020 and the Neurocritical Care Scientific Panel of the European Academy of Neurology from 2015 through 2020. He is a Fellow of the Neurocritical Care Society, USA, and of the European Academy of Neurology.

After retiring from the NHS in 2020, Dr. Damian remains academically affiliated to Cambridge University, and works clinically in private practice and intensive care. His ongoing research work centres on neuromuscular emergency management, telemedicine application in care of muscle disease, and remote neuromonitoring in critical care. He is the principal author of the World Muscle Society's advice and position papers on COVID-19 and management of neuromuscular disease.