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I am passionate about both science and people—a combination that naturally led me to study medicine. After completing my undergraduate studies in Berlin, I pursued a surgical career in the UK and Germany. Over time, I discovered my true calling in surgical oncology, caring for patients with breast cancer, sarcoma, melanoma, and other malignancies.

Driven by a vision to integrate science with patient care and expand treatment options for people with cancer, I transitioned into industry research. Since then, I have led teams of various sizes across clinical research, development, commercial functions, and medical affairs. I have contributed to the development and launch of therapies across a broad range of areas, including oncology, immunology, cardiovascular disease, transplantation, and infectious diseases.

Throughout my career, I have earned a research MD, an MBA, FRCS and FFPM qualifications, specialty registration, and the honorary GFMD. My work has been published across multiple disciplines, including surgery, medical affairs, public health, medicine development, and the application of AI in healthcare.