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Academic education with degree

10/1997 / 03/1999 United States Medical Licencing Examination Step 1 / Step 2
03/1990 - 10/1998 Human Medicine, FU and HU (Charité) Berlin, Staatsexamen
10/1988 - 07/1994 Protestant Theology, Master of Arts ("Diplom") and "1. Kirchliche
Dienstprüfung". Eberhardt-Karls-Universität Tübingen.

Scientific degrees

10/2010 Certificate in Medical Biometry, Postgraduate Training, Universitätsklinikum
Heidelberg: *Linear and logistic regression models: Missing values, and
comparison of analysis strategies of a child psychiatric dataset*. Supervisor:
Prof. M. Kieser
06/2007 Habilitation in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Saarland University Hospital,
Homburg: *Autistic Disorders – Genetic and Phenotypic studies*. Mentor: Prof.
A. von Gontard
01/2000 MD (equivalent to PhD), Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Charité Berlin:
*Psychosocial risk factors and behavioral disorders in adolescents from
immigrant and German families*. Supervisor: Prof. U. Lehmkuhl

Professional career

since 12/2008 Director, Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Psychosomatics
and Psychotherapy, University Hospital Frankfurt, Goethe University
2006 Board Certificate Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Psychotherapy
11/2003-11/2008 Associate Professor (C1), Consultant, Clinical Training, Department of Child
and Adolescent Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Universitätsklinikum des
Saarlandes, Homburg
1/2003 – 10/2003 Clinical Research Worker & Clinical Training in Child Psychiatry and
Psychotherapy, Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Klinikum der
Universität zu Köln
8/2001 – 12/2002 Post-Doctoral Researcher, Genetic Epidemiology Section, Department of
Biometry, Informatics, and Epidemiology, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-
Universität Bonn
8/2000 – 7/2001 Clinical Research Worker, IMGSA, Institute of Psychiatry London
2/1999 – 7/2000 Clinical training in Paediatric Neurology and Paediatrics, Research on
Epilepsy, Universitätskinderklinik Heidelberg

Other

2011 Call W3 Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, University
Hospital Würzburg, declined
Since 2010 Member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of Autism-Deutschland e.V.;
chair 2015-2017
Since 2009 Chair of the S3-AWMF Clinical Guidelines Committee on Diagnostics and
Intervention of Autism Spectrum Disorder (www.awmf.org)
Since 2009 Editorial Board member: Journal of Neural Transmission, ADHD
2008 Call W2 Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, University
Hospital Dresden, declined

2007 Award: August-Homburger Preis
2006 Award: Alois Lauer-Förderpreis für Medizin

Funding last five years

BMBF: 01KG1220 Systematic review on diagnostic instruments in Autism Spectrum Disorder; support for AWMF S3-clinical guidelines on Autism Spectrum Disorders
DFG: FR 2069/2-1 Multi-centre randomized-controlled trial on Social skills training in Autism Spectrum Disorders - SOSTA-net, PI: CM Freitag
DFG: FR 2069/8-1 Multicentre, randomized controlled trial of the Frankfurt Early Intervention Program for toddlers and preschool children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, PI: CM Freitag
EU/BMBF: 01EW1105: Genetics of High-Functioning Autism Spectrum Disorders, ERA-net EUHFAUTISM
EU: FP7 602407 FemNAT-CD: Neurobiology and Treatment of Adolescent Female Conduct Disorder, Coordinator, WP1, WP2 & WP10-lead: CM Freitag
EU: H2020 ITN 643051: MIND, PI of a project comparing cognitive function in Autism Spectrum Disorder and Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
EU: H2020 667302-1 CoCA: Comorbid Disorders in Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. WP6-lead CM Freitag: Multi-Centre Randomised controlled phase-IIa PROUD trial
EU: H2020 STIPED: Stimulation in Pediatrics. WP5 lead CM Freitag: Multi-Centre Randomised controlled phase-IIa StimAT trial
EU: IMI2-RIA 777394-2 AIMS2-TRIALS

Coordination experience

- Coordination of the following multi-centre randomized-controlled trials: SOSTA-net (DFG); A-FFIPP (DFG); PROUD (EU H2020 CoCA); StimAT (EU H2020 STIPED)
- Coordination of the FP7 EU project FemNAT-CD
- Head of the AWMF-S3-clinical guidelines group on Diagnosis and Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders - Publication Part 1: April 2015; Finalization of Part 2 planned for 2019

5 selected publications last five years

H Index 54 (researchgate), cumulative IF > 1500

1. Medda JE, Cholemkery H, Freitag CM (2018). Sensitivity and Specificity of the ADOS-2 Algorithm in a Large German Sample. J Autism Dev Disord [Epub ahead of print]
2. Luckhardt C [...], Freitag CM (2018). Facilitation of biological motion processing by group-based autism specific social skills training. Autism Res 11(10):1376-1387.
3. Bernhard A [...], Freitag CM (2018). Adolescent oxytocin response to stress and its behavioral and endocrine correlates. Horm Behav 105:157-165.
4. Freitag CM et al. (2016) Group based cognitive behavioural psychotherapy for children and adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder: The randomized, multi-centre, controlled SOSTA – net trial. Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry 57(5):596-605
5. Chiocchetti AG [...], Freitag CM (2015) Variants of the CNTNAP2 5' promoter as risk factors for autism spectrum disorders: a genetic and functional approach. Mol Psychiatry 20(7):839-49.



Frankfurt, January 10th, 2019