

Prof. Dr. Heinz Ludwig

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Current affiliation: Heinz Ludwig, MD, is Professor of Internal Medicine and Haemato-Oncology and chairs the Wilhelminen Cancer Research Institute at the Department of Medicine I, Centre for Oncology and Haematology, Wilhelminenspital, Vienna, Austria.

Areas of specific research and interests: Professor Ludwig's research interests span the field of therapeutics in haematology and medical oncology. His research focuses on the biological and clinical aspects of multiple myeloma (MM), as well as on the analysis of factors associated with anaemia and the treatment of anaemia in cancer patients. In the early days of his research activities he was able to show a significant activity of erythropoietin in treating anemia in myeloma (NEJM 1990). He led several investigator sponsored clinical trails in MM and participated in many studies organized by research oriented pharmaceutical industry. Within the International Myeloma Working Group he has contirbuted to several position papers and in some of them as lead researcher. Presently, his team is evalutaing the role of certain signal transduction molecule inhibitors in MM cell lines and in MM bearing mice. Furthermore, he is running academic trials with Ixazomib- and others with Carfilzomib-combination regimen and is prticipating in several internationl studies.

Other activities: Professor Ludwig serves as peer reviewer of several international journals and has published a large number of scientific articles. He is a strong supporter of patient's interests and patient's rights. Under his initiative an international charter of cancer patient's rights has been published under the auspices of ASCO, the Chinese Society of Clinical Oncology (CISCO), and ESMO.

Contibutions to scientific organisations: Prof. Ludwig has served as President of ESMO and on the board of international directors of ASCO. At present, Prof. Ludwig is a member of the board of the International Myeloma Foundation, of the National Health Council of Vienna and President of the Austrian Forum Against Cancer.

Awards: For his scientific contributions he has been honoured with the Robert A. Kyle Lifetime Achievement Award, the Otto Kahler Award, the Golden Cross of Merit from the Republic of Austria, and the Golden Cross of Merit from the City of Vienna.