Curriculum vitae



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Dr Bethke is heading the Medical team at the Nycomed Deutschland GmbH in Konstanz, Germany since May 2007. The group consists of Medical Affairs, Clinical Trial Management, Pharmacovigilance, Quality Management and Regulatory Affairs.

After attending the Medical School in Hamburg-Eppendorf (1983 – 1989) and working as visiting student at Yale and the University of Virginia, USA, he graduated in April 1989 in Hamburg and received his MD with an experimental thesis on inotropic drugs in heart failure.

After two years in cardiovascular research at the University of Hamburg, Thomas changed to the pharmaceutical industry. First, he was involved in on-site monitoring and study management in international Phase II/III clinical trials in Gastroenterology at Byk Gulden Pharmaceuticals.

In subsequent years Thomas build up, changed and lead several organisational units such as Clinical Pharmacology and Experimental Medicine, Corporate Clinical Research as well as a Strategic Clinical Development Team representing several therapeutic areas at ALTANA Pharma.

Overall, he has experience in the planning, conduction and evaluation of more than 150 Phase I- IV clinical trials and non-interventional studies in various indications.

In 1995, Thomas became a Board Accredited Clinical Pharmacologist (Tübingen), acquired the EUCOR/ECPM certificate in Pharmaceutical Medicine in 1997 (Basel).

A degree in Managerial Economics was completed in 1997 (Konstanz; Thesis on Motivation & Leadership), an Executive MBA was accomplished in 1999 (Kellogg Business School, Chicago / WHU, Koblenz; Thesis on Knowledge Management).

In 2000, Thomas was elected a Fellow of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine, London, UK.

He is lecturing Clinical Pharmacology at the University of Tübingen, Germany as well as Clinical Research in a Master of Science (MSc) programme. The "venia legendi" as University Lecturer was achieved in 2009.

Thomas is author and co-author of more than 50 peer reviewed scientific publications and reviews.