

Prof. Ralf Gold was heading the Institute for Multiple Sclerosis Research, University of Goettingen and Gemeinnützige Hertie-Stiftung, until he took the chair of the Department of Neurology, University of Bochum at St. Josef-Spital in August 2006. Here the annual number of MS patients comes to more than 1200 outpatients and 800 inpatients.

Dr. Gold's main scientific interest is in translational therapies for multiple sclerosis, experimental immunotherapies in the animal models for multiple sclerosis and Guillain-Barré syndrome, and neurobiological disease modulators. He served as leading clinical physician and as principal investigator in a number of controlled therapeutic trials in multiple sclerosis, and is involved in several scientific research programmes and advisory boards. Currently he is past-president of German Neurological Society and is leader of the German MS network panel KKNMS. Together with Prof. Montalban he coordinated the European MS guidelines.

Dr. Gold is also a member of a number of societies including American Academy for Neurology, European Academy for Neurology and board member of the German Kompetenznetwork Multiple Sclerosis. He has received several scientific awards for his experimental and clinical studies. Also he contributes to several editorial boards. From his scientific work more than 330 original publications and 110 review articles were published, with a h-Index of 62.