

Walter Klepetko, MD Professor of Thoracic Surgery

Professor Klepetko had his basic surgical training at the Medical University of Vienna (MUW) together with educational stays at the Queen Mary Hospital Hongkong, Massachusetts General Hospital Boston, University of San Diego and Harefield Hospital London.

He received his Austrian Board Certification in 1989 and his European Board Certification (FEBTCS) in 1999.

1989 he became the director of the Vienna Lung Transplant Program, which developed under his leadership into one of the leading lung transplant programs of the world. 2003 he was appointed Professor of Thoracic Surgery at MUW, and since 2010 he is the chairman and head of the Division of Thoracic Surgery at MUW. In the year 2019 he was elected chairman of the Department of Surgery.

In the year 2002 Professor Klepetko founded the European Postgraduate School for Thoracic Surgery in Bergamo which he headed until 2009. In the year 2002–2003 he served as president of the European Association for CardioThoracic Surgery (EACTS). 2004–2007 he was a Councilor at the Board of the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation (ISHLT). From 2006 to 2008 he hold the position of an International Councillor in the Board of the American Association of Cardiothoracic Surgery (AATS).

Professor Klepetko was invited Visiting professor at the Universities of Stanford, Cleveland, Harvard and Rome. He served on the Editorial Boards of the Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation as well as the Journal of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery.

Professor Klepetko made major contributions in the field of oncologic thoracic surgery, airway surgery, pulmonary endarterectomy and lung transplantation. His Impact factor is around 1020 and his H-Index is 64.