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Prof. Dr. med. Rueckert is the Head of Thoracic Surgery at the Surgical Clinic of University Medicine Berlin (Charité), Germany. Since 2013 he is responsible leading the Competence Centre for Thoracic Surgery. In 12/2023, the Thoracic Surgery at the Charité has been certified as a Centre of Excellence. From 2003 to 2013 he was senior consultant of the Departments of Thoracic – and Endocrine Surgery at the Clinic for General-, Visceral-, Thoracic- and Vascular Surgery of the Medical Faculty (Charité) of the Humboldt University Berlin. Prof. Rueckert held the position of vice chairman of Surgery at the Clinic of Central Campus between 2008 and 2013. In 2016 he became professor of Thoracic Surgery at the Medical Faculty of the University Medicine Berlin Charité. He made his PhD in 2003 on the clinical and experimental development of minimally-invasive thoracoscopic thymectomy and started with robotic surgery. His scientific focuses are robotic-assisted and uniportal thoracic surgery, oncology and myasthenia gravis. He performed more than 1500 robotic operations. Prof. Rueckert has a full authorization for postgraduate medical education in thoracic surgery. He is board member, advisory board member and member of several medical societies, has been faculty member and co-chair for many national and international congresses, and is reviewer for several scientific medical journals. Prof. Rueckert is first-, senior- or co-author of more than 150 publications and bookchapters.