# Priv.-Doz. Dr. med. Christoph Kahlert



Managing Senior Consultant and Deputy Head of Colorectal Surgery, Department of General, Visceral, and Transplantation Surgery – Heidelberg University Hospital

## Role in LiSyM-Cancer

- Partner in SMART-NAFLD

## Expertise

- Specializes in oncological surgery and colorectal surgery
- Extracellular vesicle/exosome-mediated interaction between cancer and its microenvironment; EV-based biomarkers
- Clinical trials in colorectal and hepatobiliary cancer (H-index 39, 107 publications)

## Degrees

- 2026, Habilitation transfer (Umhabilitation) and Venia legendi in Surgery, Heidelberg University
- 2023, Fellow of the European Board of Surgery (FEBS), Surgical Oncology
- 2022, Associate Professor (apl. Prof.), TU Dresden
- 2022, Board certification in Special Visceral Surgery
- 2021, Master of Health Business Administration (MHBA), University of Erlangen-Nuremberg
- 2019, Board certification in Visceral Surgery
- 2017, Habilitation and Venia legendi in Surgery, TU Dresden
- 2016, Board certification in General Surgery
- 2008, MD (Dr. med., magna cum laude), Heidelberg University
- 2000 – 2007, Medical studies (State Examination), Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg; ERASMUS exchange, Université Montpellier II (2003–2004)

## Professional Experience

- Since 01/2026, Deputy Head of Colorectal Surgery, Department of General, Visceral, and Transplantation Surgery, Heidelberg University Hospital
- Since 07/2024, Managing Senior Consultant (Geschäftsführender Oberarzt), Department of General, Visceral, and Transplantation Surgery, Heidelberg University Hospital (Senior Consultant since 04/2023)
- 2017 – 2023, Attending Surgeon and Research Associate (Senior Consultant from 09/2021), Department of Visceral, Thoracic, and Vascular Surgery, University Hospital Carl Gustav Carus, TU Dresden
- 2014 – 2017, Resident/Attending Surgeon and Research Associate, Department of Visceral, Thoracic, and Vascular Surgery, University Hospital Carl Gustav Carus, TU Dresden
- 2012 – 2014, Postdoctoral Fellow (Laboratory of Dr. R. Kalluri), Department of Cancer Biology, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX, USA
- 2012, Postdoctoral Fellow (Laboratory of Dr. R. Kalluri), Division of Matrix Biology, Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, USA
- 2007 – 2012, Surgical Resident and Research Associate, Department of General, Visceral, and Transplantation Surgery, Heidelberg University Hospital (Laboratory of Prof. Dr. J. Weitz, Molecular Oncology)

## Honors and Awards (selection)

- 2017, Member of the Excellence Academy of the German Society for General and Visceral Surgery (DGAV)
- 2012 – 2014, DFG Research Fellowship (USA)
- 2012, Lautenschläger Fellowship for a research stay in the USA
- 2006, DAAD travel grant (Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, USA)
- 2003 – 2007, Scholar of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)

## Publications

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| 2025-11-01 | Diclofenac and acetaminophen dim the acute-phase response but amplify expression of the iron regulator hepcidin in liver cancer cells<br>*Cell Systems* |