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Succession of DKFZ Chairman and Scientific Director open Wolfgang Wick to remain at Heidelberg University Hospital

Heidelberg University Hospital and the German Cancer Research Center have announced that, following a short period of negotiations, the Medical Director of the Department of Neurology at Heidelberg University Hospital, Professor Dr. Wolfgang Wick, will no longer be assuming the position of Chairman and Scientific Member of the Management Board of the German Cancer Research Center (Deutsches Krebsforschungszentrum, DKFZ).

“We regret that Wolfgang Wick will not be taking over the position of Chairman and Scientific Director at the German Cancer Research Center,” said the Members of the DKFZ Management Board, Professor Otmar D. Wiestler (Chairman and Scientific Director) and Professor Josef Puchta (Administrative-Commercial Director).

“Professor Wick will further expand the National Center for Tumor Diseases. For this important role, it is essential that he continues his work in clinically oriented research,” says Professor Dr. Guido Adler, Chief Medical Director and Chairman of the Board of Heidelberg University Hospital. “We are pleased that our neurologist and excellent researcher, still in the early phases of his position in the Neurology Department, will stay at our hospital,” commented Professor Dr. Wolfgang Herzog, Dean of the Medical Faculty at Heidelberg University.

“Through his collaboration with the NCT and as head of a Clinical Cooperation Unit of DKFZ and Heidelberg University Hospital, he will continue to be closely linked with cancer research at the DKFZ,” said Wiestler with an optimistic look into the future.

The German Cancer Research Center (Deutsches Krebsforschungszentrum, DKFZ) with its more than 3,000 employees is the largest biomedical research institute in Germany. At DKFZ, more than 1,000 scientists investigate how cancer develops, identify cancer risk factors and endeavor to find new strategies to prevent people from getting cancer. They develop novel approaches to make tumor diagnosis more precise and treatment of cancer patients more successful. The staff of the Cancer Information Service (KID) offers information about the widespread disease of cancer for patients, their families, and the general public. Jointly with Heidelberg University Hospital, DKFZ has established the National Center for Tumor Diseases (NCT) Heidelberg, where promising approaches from cancer research are translated into the clinic. In the German Consortium for Translational Cancer Research (DKTK), one of six German Centers for Health Research, DKFZ maintains translational centers at seven university partnering sites. Combining excellent university hospitals with high-profile research at a Helmholtz Center is an important contribution to improving the chances of cancer patients. DKFZ is a member of the Helmholtz Association of National Research Centers, with ninety percent of its funding coming from the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research and the remaining ten percent from the State of Baden-Württemberg.

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Heidelberg University Hospital is one of the largest and most prestigious medical centers in Germany. The Medical Faculty of Heidelberg University belongs to the internationally most renowned biomedical research institutions in Europe. Both institutions have the common goal of developing new therapies and implementing them rapidly for patients. With about 12,600 employees, training and qualification is an important issue. Every year, around 66,000 patients are treated on a fully or partially inpatient basis and over 1,000,000 patients have been treated on an outpatient basis in more than 50 clinics and departments with 1,900 beds. Currently, about 3,500 future physicians are studying in Heidelberg; the reform Heidelberg Curriculum Medicinale (HeiCuMed) is one of the top medical training programs in Germany.

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