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EDUCATION/TRAINING <i>(Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, and include postdoctoral training.)</i>			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE <i>(if applicable)</i>	YEAR(s)	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Cambridge		1963-1964	English language, history
University		1980-1986	Psychology and Education
Institut für Personalführung Köln		1987-1989	Communication Sciences

A. Personal Statement

Since 1999 I am proud to have fought breast cancer successfully. As a breast cancer survivor, the last 16 years have thought me much about the science and the psychology of breast cancer. The motivation all over the planet to eradicate this disease is impressive, however not enough has been done yet. Early detection and the successful treatment of breast cancer are essential for the survival of a breast cancer patient. Advanced breast cancer on the other hand has to be seen as a different disease than early stage breast cancer. Surveys have shown that women with metastatic breast cancer do not get the attention they need. Therefore it is vital raising awareness in public and policy makers what this highly vulnerable group and their families need in order to deal with the disease with best quality of life.

Patient information and counseling are the basis for successful treatment compliance and quality of life. Equally important the doctor must be informed by the patient to understand patient's aims as well as justified and unjustified concerns. The mechanism of this communication is an understudied area of research. Miscommunication can lead to suboptimal treatment, low participation in screening or a slow recruitment to clinical studies. Especially in the preventive situation, informing women at high risk is a challenging task and might be crucial for the success of a drug prevention study. My expectations for the upcoming projects are the integration of aims that truly match the best scientific rationale and genuine patients' expectations.

B. Positions and Honors

Positions and Employment

1964-1967 **Flight Attendant** Pan American World Airways
1990-Present **Coach** for Communication Improvement
2006-2008 **Chair** of mamazone e.V. (Patient Advocacy Group)
2008-present **Co-Chair** of the biomaterial bank Patients' Tumor Bank of Hope (PATH)
2008-present Member of the scientific advisory board German Breast Cancer Association (Brustkrebs Deutschland e.V.)
2008-present Consultant in national and international Advisory Boards and Advisory Panels

Research Experience

2002-2007 **Patient Information and Treatment Decision Study** (Gut Informieren, gemeinsam entscheiden)
2008-present **Scientific Advisor** Prepare-Study (Phase IV Study to assess the pharmacogenetic markers and pharmaco-economic marks in the treatment of postmenopausal, hormone receptor positive breast cancer)
2007-2009 **Scientific Advisor** PACT Study (Patient Compliance Study concerning Aromatase Inhibitors)
2007-2009 **Advisory Board Member** ALTTO-Study (Phase III Study in the adjuvant treatment of HER2 positive breast cancer)
2008-present **Advisory Board Member** SUCCESS A and C Studies (Phase III Adjuvant Chemotherapy Breast Cancer Studies)

2009-present **Advisory Board Member** DETECT III Study (Phase III Study in HER2 positive metastatic breast cancer)
2010-2014 **Steering Board Member** Skeletal Care Academy

Further Education in Cancer Research

Breast Cancer, NSCLC, (therapy options, treatment of side effects, QoL, oncology psychology, political situation and communication of access to best practice, doctor-patient-communication)

Annual attendance of national and international conferences (attendee and/or speaker):

Germany

Senologie Kongress
DKK - Deutscher Krebskongress
COMBATing Breast Cancer

Europe

EBCC – European Breast Cancer Conference
ESMO-ECCO
ABC – Advanced Breast Cancer Conference Lisbon

USA

SABCS – San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium, San Antonio/Texas
ASCO – American Society of Clinical Oncology Orlando/Chicago/IL

Online Education Stanford University

Palliative Care

C. Selected Publications (published abstracts and peer reviewed)

Most relevant to the current application

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Anzeneder, T. R., Ohlms, U., **Schmitt, D. C.**, and Waldner, C. (2009). 5 Years Experience in Collecting Tumor Specimen at Patient's Tumor Bank of Hope (PATH) - A Decentralized, Independent Biobank in Germany Controlled by Patients. *Cancer Research* **69**(24), 670s-670s.

Jackisch, C. H., Harbeck, N., Blettner, M., Hadji, P., Luck, H. J., **Schmitt, D. C.**, Haidinger, R., Kohler, U., Zaun, S., and Kreienberg, R. (2009). The patient's anastrozole compliance to therapy programme (PACT): evaluating the influence of a standardized information service on compliance in postmenopausal women with early breast cancer. *Ejc Supplements* **7**(2), 271-271.

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- Lux, M. P., Radosavac, D., Tanzer, T. D., Kara, H., Bani, M. R., Schrauder, M., **Schmitt, D. C.**, Haidinger, R., Overbeck-Schulte, B., Schulte, H., Beckmann, M. W., and Fasching, P. A. (2008). Patients with a mamma carcinoma and their doctors differentiating in the evaluation of the essential benefits of therapy option - Results of a Good Information - Gemeinsam Entscheiden! Study. *Geburtshilfe Und Frauenheilkunde* **68**(5), 555-556.
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- Lenz, C.F.W., **Schmitt, D.C.** (2014) Understanding the perceptions and unmet needs of advanced breast cancer patients. *JOURNAL PHARMAKOL.U.THER.* 4/2014 23, 111-115.
- Derick Mitchell, Jan Geissler, Alison Parry Jones, Hans Keulen, **Doris C. Schmitt**, Rosaria Vavassori, Balwir Matharoo-Ball, Biobanking from the patient perspective, *RESEARCH INVOLVEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT* 2015, 1:4