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Claudio Bassetti received his MD degree from the University of Basel in 1984 and trained in neurology in Bern and Lausanne (FMH degree in 1992). He performed two research fellowships in basic neurophysiology (Basel, 1985-1986) and sleep medicine (Ann Arbor-Michigan, USA, 1995-6). In 1997 he became "Privatdozent" (associate professor) at the University of Bern. In 2000 he was appointed professor of neurology at the university of Zurich and director of the neurological outpatient clinics of the university hospital. In 2009 he founded the neurocenter of Southern Switzerland in Lugano which he directed until 2012. Since 2012 he is full professor of neurology at the university of Bern and director of the neurology department at the university hospital.

Claudio Bassetti has authored eight books and over 350 scientific publications. His topics of interest include general neurology, sleep, stroke, movement disorders, and translational/animal research.

He served as president of the European Neurological Society (ENS, 2013-4), European Sleep Research Society (ESRS, 2008-12) and Swiss Neurological Society (SNG, 2008-12). He was one of the founders and first president of the Swiss Federation of Clinical Neurosocieties (SFCNS, 2009-2013). Currently he is a board member of the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences (SAMW).