



PROFILE

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WORK AND FOCUS



Professor Attarbaschi studies Acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), a rapidly progressing cancer of immature white blood cells, and malignant lymphomas—cancers of the immune system. His translational research turns scientific findings into practical treatments improving children's lives.

“My scientific career has always focused on the field of acute lymphoblastic leukemias and malignant lymphomas of childhood and adolescence, including, in particular, translational research with short- and medium-term consequences for patient care.”



A DAY IN THE LIFE



At St. Anna's Children's Hospital, Prof. Attarbaschi coordinates international clinical trials and collaborates daily with oncologists, radiologists, pathologists, and surgeons to deliver tailored care for paediatric cancer patients.

“One of my main goals always was and is to ensure that clinical research is a key priority with promotion of inter- and multi-disciplinary research. Through my interactions, working both across and within disciplines both locally and internationally on childhood cancers, I have been able to work on improvements in outcomes of paediatric cancer patients – all being an irreplaceable experience.”



RESEARCH & INNOVATION

“In addition to a requirement for advancements in clinical practice made through cutting-edge research, improvement in patient outcomes also need a concerted effort to bring together key stakeholders incl. patient and parents representatives and diverse fields such as radio-oncology, pathology, surgery and palliative medicine.”

Professor Attarbaschi leads and coordinates clinical trials in leukemia and lymphoma research, involving international societies such as the International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP). His involvement with editorial boards of leading journals, including EJC Paediatric Oncology and Pediatric Blood and Cancer, helps disseminate research findings to improve outcomes for young patients globally.



WHAT DRIVES HIM



Professor Attarbaschi actively mentors young oncologists, ensuring sustainable progress in paediatric oncology. With over 200 publications, his commitment extends beyond research into shaping future specialists and building strong, collaborative teams.

“In addition to my enthusiasm for clinics and research in the field of paediatric oncology, I am highly committed to training the next generation of paediatric oncologists... My credo is: you are only as good as your team is.”





Behind every breakthrough in paediatric oncology are dedicated professionals like Professor Andishe Attarbaschi, who push boundaries, lead critical research, and give children and adolescents hope for better outcomes. This World Health Worker Week, we honour his dedication and extend our gratitude to all those striving to improve the lives of young patients.