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# PENTAX Medical appoints Dr Klaus Mergener as Chief Medical Officer

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Japan's PENTAX Medical, a division of HOYA Group, has announced the appointment of Dr Klaus Mergener to the position of Chief Medical Officer of PENTAX Lifecare Division (PENTAX Medical) as of April 1st, 2022.

Dr Mergener is a clinical gastroenterologist with special interest and expertise in interventional endoscopy and cancer prevention. He currently serves as an Affiliate Professor of Medicine at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington and maintains a busy endoscopic practice.

Dr Mergener attended medical school in Frankfurt and Heidelberg, Germany, and at Duke University and Harvard University in the U.S. He completed his MD/PhD-thesis *summa cum laude* with 2008 Nobel Prize Laureate Dr. Harald zur Hausen at the German Cancer Research Center in Heidelberg. He then returned to Duke University for his residency in internal medicine and his fellowship training in gastroenterology and interventional endoscopy. He received his MBA from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

He is a member of several professional organizations including the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) where he served as President from 2020 to 2021 and as Vice Chair of its Foundation from 2014 to 2018. He is also actively involved in the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG), the European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE) and the World Endoscopy Organization (WEO).