

PRESS RELEASE

Tribute to an exceptional medical doctor, Prof. Tanja N. Fehm, MD.

Klüh Foundation awards specialist in gynaecological oncology

Düsseldorf, 27.10.2023 – This year, the award of the Klüh Foundation for the Promotion of Innovation in Science and Research, which is endowed with 25,000 Euros, goes to the outstanding medical doctor in Düsseldorf, **Prof. Dr. med. Tanja N. Fehm**. The Director of the Clinic for Gynaecology and Obstetrics with the Gynaecological Cancer Centre certified by the German Cancer Society has combined interdisciplinary treatment concepts and the latest therapy techniques to the benefit of the patients.

The Foundation's prize, which has been awarded since 1987, was presented yesterday in Düsseldorf's historic City Hall in the presence of the Mayor, **Josef Hinkel**. The laudatory speech was delivered by **Dr. Andreas Gassen**, Chairman of the Board of the National Association of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians.

Together with her team, the specialist in gynaecological oncology at the University Hospital develops individual treatment concepts tailored to the specific clinical picture. Medical innovations and insights are integrated into patient care as early as possible. When planning therapy, the wishes and fears of the patients are prioritised and detailed information is provided. Above all, in many cases the possibility of minimally invasive treatment proves a great advantage and is a gentler procedure when it comes to the patient's recovery process. Tumours can now also be treated using minimally invasive procedures.

In the words of Dr. Gassen, the laudator: "I am delighted to be able to present the Klüh Foundation Prize to a medical colleague and scientist who is committed to combining outstanding research with the greatest possible closeness to patients in practical care".

The University Hospital Düsseldorf is one of the specialised centres that enable minimally invasive tumour treatment. With a focus on basic research into carcinogenesis, the possibilities of personalised medicine are constantly being developed. As part of the Centre for Integrated Oncology (CIO), the University Hospital Düsseldorf also cooperates with the university hospitals in Aachen and Bonn. German Cancer Aid (Deutsche Krebshilfe) has honoured this alliance, which provides cancer therapy at the highest level. An international panel of experts has certified that the CIO has made significant advances in cancer treatment and provides the highest level of patient care.

The award winner studied in Erlangen and completed her specialist medical training in Tübingen, where she qualified as a post-doctoral lecturer in gynaecological oncology and took over the clinical direction of the Section for Translational Gynaecological Oncology at the University Gynaecological Clinic in Tübingen as a senior physician. Since 2007 she has been in great demand as a visiting professor at outstanding institutions in the USA and other countries.

Two years ago, Prof. Fehm received an appointment to the Leopoldina, the National Academy of Sciences. Since 2013, the award winner has been the Director of the Department of Gynaecology and Obstetrics at the University Hospital Düsseldorf. The multi-award-winning medical doctor is highly regarded in professional circles around the world and acts, among other things, as a spokesperson for the University Tumour Centre Düsseldorf (UTZ) in the Centre for Integrated Oncology (CIO) Aachen Bonn Cologne Düsseldorf.



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The Foundation for the Promotion of Innovation in Science and Research, established in 1987 by the company's owner Josef Klüh to mark the 75th anniversary of the Düsseldorf-based family business Klüh Service Management has, since then, awarded foundation prizes totalling 850,000 Euros. In recent years, the foundation has supported a wide range of medical research projects.

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