

Prof, MD, PhD, Master **Barbara Maier**

Barbara Maier is Head of the Department of OB/GYN at the Wilhelminen General Hospital of the Vienna Hospital Association

She has many years of experience in obstetrics, especially in the management of risk-deliveries, eg. breech deliveries, preterm deliveries, and multiples. She is specialized in care of risk pregnancies, like such of women with gestational diabetes, fetal growth reduction, special parturient women`s conditions.

In connection with perinatal medicine, she is in-depth experienced in gynaecological endocrinology and reproductive medicine (she was Head of the Department of Gynaecological Endocrinology and Reproductive Medicine at the University Clinic of Gynaecology and Obstetrics Paracelsus Private University and SALK from 2004 -2012 and from 2010 Chair of the steering group for Reproductive Medicine for a Novel of the Law on Reproductive Medicine (FMedG > FMedRÄG) at the Health Council of the Federal Ministry)

She is also specialized in ethics of medicine – being a member of the Bioethics-Committee at the Austrian Chancellor (2011-2015) and having published a standard ethics book with Springer New York.

On the background of psychosomatics in gynaecology and obstetrics (since 2003 President of the Austrian Society of Psychosomatics in Gynaecology and Obstetrics until present time) she is covering psychosocial as well as psychosomatic conditions in women`s life cycles and special with special challenges (gynaecological cancer, sexual disorders, chronic pelvic pain management).

Career

- **1978/79: Scholarships in Rome and Moscow**
- **1980 Master at the University of Vienna**
- **1986: MD at the University of Vienna**
- **1996-2011: Senior Gynaecology and Obstetrics at the General Hospital of Salzburg**
- **2001 PhD at the Medical University Vienna**
- **2001 -2015 Member of the Bioethics-Committee at the Austrian Chancellor**
- **2003 President of the Austrian Society of Psychosomatics in Gynaecology and Obstetrics**
- **2004 -2012: Head of the Department of Gynaecological Endocrinology and Reproductive Medicine at the University Clinic of Gynaecology and Obstetrics Paracelsus Private University and SALK**
- **2007 Member of the University Council of the Paracelsus Private Medical University Salzburg**

- **2009 - 2011: Head of the Women`s Health Center ISIS in Salzburg**
- **2010 University professor at the Medical University of Vienna (MUW)**
- **2010 Chair of the steering group for Reproductive Medicine for a Novel of the Law on Reproductive Medicine (FMedG) at the Health Council of the Federal Ministry**
- **2010 Board Member of the Academy of Sexual Medicine, Salzburg (Collaboration with the University Clinic Charite Berlin)**
- **2012 Award for Scientific Excellence of the Paracelsus Private Medical University Salzburg for excellent scientific achievements and successful publication activities during the year 2011**
- **2012 President of the Austrian Society of Family Planning and Contraception until now**
- **2012–2015 Treasurer of the ISPOG (International Society of Psychosomatics in Obstetrics and Gynaecology)**
- **2012 Member of the Task Force Caesarean Section - Reproductive Medicine in Austria at the Austrian Governmental Department of Health**
- **2015 Member of the Supreme Medical Council (Oberster Sanitätsrat) of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Health**
- **2017: Professor OB/GYN at Sigmund Freud University Vienna**
- **2018: Head of the Ethics commission of Sigmund Freud University Vienna**

Professional Specialization

- Obstetrics, perinatal medicine
- Gynaecological endocrinology
- Reproductive Medicine
- Gynaecological oncology (surgery, endocrinology)
- Psychosomatics in Gynaecology and Obstetrics
- Sexual Medicine

Functions and Memberships

- 2003 to date President of the Austrian Society of Psychosomatics in Gynaecology and Obstetrics
- 2001 -2015 Member of the Bioethics-Committee at the Austrian Chancellor
- 2007 Member of the University Council of the Paracelsus Private Medical University Salzburg
- 2009 - 2011: Head of the Women`s Health Center ISIS in Salzburg
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- 2012–2015 Treasurer of the ISPOG (International Society of Psychosomatics in Obstetrics and Gynaecology)
- 2012 to date President of the Austrian Society of Family Planning and Contraception
- Member of the Scientific Committee of the Austrian Obstetrical Registry (GRÖ) as well as of AuOSS in INOSS (International Network of Obstetric Survey Systems)
- Member of the Scientific Committee of ÖGPPM (Austrian Society of Psychosomatics and Psychotherapeutic Medicine)
- Member of the Scientific Board of the Interdisciplinary Society for Pain Research and Pain Therapy e.v. (IGSS)
- Juridical expert on obstetrics and gynaecology
- Member of the Supreme Medical Council (Oberster Sanitätsrat) of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Health
- Member of the Scientific Committee for Gene Analysis and Gene Therapy on Humans (Member of the Supreme Medical Council)

Professorships / lectureships

- Medical University of Vienna
- Paracelsus Private Medical School in Salzburg
- University of Wisconsin, USA
- DUK, Donau-Universität, Krems
- JKU, Johannes Kepler University, Linz

Awards

- 2012: Award for Scientific Excellence of the Paracelsus Private Medical University Salzburg for excellent scientific achievements and successful publication activities during the year 2011

Publications

Throughout her medical activity Prof. Barbara Maier published articles on modes of delivery, preterm birth management, multiples in reproductive medicine, psychosomatics in obstetrics and gynaecology as well as ethics in medicine.

- **Maier B, Georgouloupoulos A, Zajc M, Jaeger T, Zuchna C, Hasenoehrl G. Fetal outcomes for infants in breech presentation by method of delivery: Experiences with a stand-by service**

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- Rauchfuss M, **Maier B**. Biopsychosocial predictors of preterm delivery. *J Perinat Med* 2011; 39:515-21
- Paulmichl K, Hattinger-Jürgenssen E, **Maier B**. Decision-making at the border of viability by means of Values Clarification – A case study to achieve distinct communication by means of the ordinary language approach. *J Perinat Med* 2011; 39:595-603
- **Maier B**, Reitsamer-Tontsch S, Jäger T, Weisser C, Schreiner B. Mehrlingsproblematik nach ART (Assisted Reproductive Technologies) aus geburtshilflicher, neonatologischer und bioethischer Sicht. *Geburtsh Frauenheilk* 2011; 71:1-6
- Möstl E, **Maier B**. Kontrazeption bei Jugendlichen, *Monatsschr Kinderheilkd* 2011; 9:875-85
- Möstl E, **Maier B**. Kontrazeption bei Jugendlichen, *Der Gynäkologe* 1/2012
- **Maier B**, Reitsamer-Tontsch S, Jäger T, Schreiner B. Geburten und Kinder nach assistierter Fortpflanzungshilfe. Eine retrospektive Analyse unter besonderer Berücksichtigung von Mehrlingsschwangerschaften an der Universitätsklinik für Frauenheilkunde und Geburtshilfe Salzburg (2000 bis 2009) mit einer Hochrechnung für Österreich. *Z Geburtsh Neonatol* 2011; 215: 187-193
- Rauchfuss M, Enderwitz J, **Maier B**, Frommer J. Schwangerschaftserleben von Frauen mit schwangerschaftsinduzierter Hypertonie. Experience of pregnancy for women with pregnancy induced hypertension. *Z Geburtsh Neonatol* 2011; 215: 1-7
- Rauchfuss M, Fischer T, Bogner G, **Maier B**. Influence of so far neglected psychosomatic factors, BMI and smoking on Pregnancy Induced Hypertension (PIH). *Pregnancy Hypertens*. 2012; 2:93-100.
- Vidovics M, Jacobs VR, Fischer T, **Maier B** (2014) "Comparison of fetal outcome in premature vaginal or cesarean breech delivery at 24-37 gestational weeks." *Arch Gynecol Obstet* 290: 271-81
- **Maier B** Is the narrow concept of individual autonomy compatible with or in conflict with Evidence-based Medicine in obstetric practice? A philosophical critique on the misapplication of the value concept "autonomy". *Woman - Psychosomatic Gynaecology and Obstetrics* 2014;1: 40-9
- Siedentopf F, Weijenborg P, Engman M, **Maier B**, Cagnacci A, Mimoun S, Wenger A, Kenterich H. ISPOG European Consensus Statement - chronic pelvic pain in women (short version). *J Psychosom Obstet Gynaecol*. 2015;36:161-70
- **Maier B**, Shibles W (2010) *The Philosophy and Practice of Medicine and Bioethics. A Naturalistic-Humanistic Approach*. Springer Publishing Company. 600 pages. *International Library of Ethics, Law, and the New Medicine* vol 47, Springer New York

Review activities:

- Journal of Perinatal Medicine
- Midwifery
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology Cases – Reviews (OGCR)
- PLOS ONE
- Journal of Medicine Healthcare and Philosophy

- Journal of Psychosomatics in Gynaecology and Obstetrics
- Springer BioMedCentral