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Prof. Meyer is the head of the Integrative Rehabilitation Research Unit at the Institute for Epidemiology, Social Medicine and Health System Research of Hannover Medical School, Germany. He obtained his diploma in psychology at the Christian-Albrechts-University in Kiel, Germany. He worked as a researcher in a social psychiatric research group at the Centre for Psychiatry, Medical Hospital of the Justus-Liebig- University in Giessen, Germany. He received his PhD from the philosophical faculty of Christian-Albrechts-University in Kiel, Germany, in 2004 with a thesis on quality of life in schizophrenic persons. He became a research assistant in the social medicine department of the University of Lübeck in 2003 where he started to conduct research in the rehabilitation field, and to engage in the teaching of EBM. In 2010 he was for one year a team leader at the Swiss Paraplegic Research, Nottwil, on health services and rehabilitation research. In 2011 he was appointed to a professorship at Hannover Medical School for rehabilitation research.

Dr. Meyer is part of the executive board of the German Society of Rehabilitation Research. Within this society he co-heads the guideline commission and organises a summer school on EBPRM as well as qualitative research. He is also on the executive board of the German Society of Psychological Pain Therapy and Research. He is speaker of the Qualitative Research Working Group of the German Network of Health Services Research. He is a member of the ISPRM-WHO-Liaison Committee for the development of an International Classification of Service Organisations in Rehabilitation (ICSO-R). Also, he is a member of the advisory board of the German rehabilitation journal Die Rehabilitation and has recently been invited to become a member of the editorial board of the EJPRM. He teaches social medicine at Hannover Medical School for medical students, EBM and health technology assessment as well as qualitative research methods for public health master students, qualitative research methods for physiotherapy and occupations therapy master students as well as midwifery research master students at Hannover Medical School. As a researcher, his main interests are on factors of successful rehabilitation, quality assurance, organisational research, research methods (qualitative and mixed methods research, assessment instruments), goal setting and self-determination, quality of life, and environmental factors of ICF.