

# Ralf Stuecker, MD

**Current Practice/Center/Institution:**

Medical Director and Chairman of Pediatric Orthopedics,  
Childrens Hospital Hamburg-Altona  
Professor of Pediatric Orthopedics, University Clinic  
Hamburg

**Medical School & Graduation Year:**

University of Muenster, Germany, 1983

**Place of Orthopaedic Residency and Fellowship Training:**

Orthopedic Residency in Muenster, Germany  
Pediatric Orthopedic Fellowship at Tulane University and  
Childrens Hospital, New Orleans

**What attracted your interest to IPSG?**

I am attracted by IPSG due to unsatisfactory outcomes of treatment for children with Perthes disease in the past and the desire to apply optimum care for those children

**What would you say is the most challenging part of treating Perthes Disease?**

Most challenging is the identification of prognostic factors in Perthes disease. For families and patients the most challenging part is to accept restricting activities for children who want to be active.

**What would you like to see accomplished through annual IPSG meetings?**

By assembling knowledge from all over the world I hope that I can improve prognosis for children with Perthes disease in all age groups with better treatment outcomes

**Read more about Dr. Stuecker here!**

