



Current Controversies

Do Drug-Eluting Stents Represent Long-Term Danger?

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He was trained in London at the Royal Brompton Hospital and especially under Mr C. Lincoln and Professor Yacoub. His research interests are in vascular biology, cerebral injury and large scale clinical trials. Professor Taggart has published around 100 peer-reviewed scientific papers. More recently he has criticized the increasing cardiology tendency to treat patients with multivessel and left main stem coronary artery disease by percutaneous intervention rather than even offering a surgical option. He argues that in such situations best evidence still strongly favours surgery and that all such patients should therefore be treated by a multidisciplinary team including a surgeon.

Professor Gerhard Schuler, MD, University of Leipzig, Clinic of Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Leipzig, Germany. Appointed in 1995, Professor Schuler is Chief of Cardiology at the University of Leipzig Heart Center, in Leipzig, Germany. He attended medical school in Tübingen, Glasgow, and Bonn, postgraduate training at UC San Diego and University of Heidelberg. The author of recent research using a randomized comparison of early and late results of stents, Professor Schuler also has a scientific interest in interventions in acute myocardial infarction.

