

## CV Professor Sibylle Koletzko

Professor Koletzko studied medicine at the University of Münster, Germany and trained in Paediatrics at the University Children's Hospital in Düsseldorf. From 1986 until 1988, she was a clinical research fellow in the Division of Paediatric Gastroenterology at the Hospital of Sick Children, Toronto, Canada with Professor Peter Durie and Professor Phil Sherman.

Currently she is the head of the Division of Paediatric Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the Kinderpoliklinik and since 2002 at the Dr. v. Haunersches Kinderspital at the Ludwig Maximilians University Munich, Germany.



Professor Koletzko's current research involves projects in inflammatory bowel disease, *Helicobacter pylori* infection in children, celiac disease and food allergy. She is one of the principal investigators of the German Infant Nutrition Intervention (GINI Plus) study, in which a cohort of more than 5000 children with and without a hereditary risk for allergy were enrolled which has now been followed for more than 10 years. She is the German investigator for a large intervention trial including >1000 newborns from families with celiac disease. This project is funded by the European Union. Professor Koletzko is also a member of the celiac group in the longterm observational TEDDY study (funded by NIH), in which 8000 children with a genetic risk for type 1 diabetes mellitus and celiac disease are followed until 5 years of age and investigated for environmental and nutritional risk factors. For her research work, she received several scientific awards.

Currently, Professor Koletzko is the secretary of GI-committee of the European Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition (ESPGHAN), member of the Council of ESPGHAN, and the past-president of the German speaking Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition (GPGE). She is the chair of the Working group of *Helicobacter pylori* infections in children of ESPGHAN and member of a scientific committee of an International register for 6000 children with Crohn's disease. She contributed to several evidence based national and international guidelines, including Crohn's disease, celiac disease, infectious gastroenteritis in childhood, cow's milk allergy and *Helicobacter pylori* infection.