



Prof Pia Baldinger-Melich

Biography



Pia Baldinger-Melich studied medicine at the Medical University of Vienna, where she received her doctoral degree (MD) in July 2009. She joined the Lab of Prof. Lanzenberger (<https://www.meduniwien.ac.at/neuroimaging/people.html>) at the Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy in April 2010 and started her residency in psychiatry in July 2010. She has been involved in different neuroimaging studies examining the serotonergic system in the context of major depression and anxiety disorders. In June 2015 she finished successfully the doctoral programme "Clinical Neuroscience" with her thesis "Influence of genetic variants on serotonergic neurotransmission" (academic degree: PhD). In 2016, she received an internal career agreement at the Medical University of Vienna for an associate professorship which she fulfilled in 2021 following two fellowships in Germany (research group of Prof. Rainer Rupprecht, Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, University of Regensburg; research group for Neurodiagnostic Applications in Psychiatry of Prof. Nikolaos Koutsouleris, Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich). In 2021 she completed her Habilitation in Psychiatry at the Medical University of Vienna (academic degree: PD). In parallel, after finishing her residency in 2016, she has worked as a senior physician in Psychiatry and head of the Intermediate Care Unit at the Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Medical University of Vienna. She specialized in the field of electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) leading the ECT unit at the General Hospital of Vienna. Her current main research focus lies on the investigation of prediction models for ECT in the treatment-resistant depression.