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Personal statement

As Deputy Head of Gynecologic Oncology and Breast Surgery at Fribourg Hospital (HFR), I have dedicated my clinical and academic career to advancing the care of women with gynecologic and breast cancers.

Beyond clinical activity, I am strongly engaged in education, research, and international collaboration, with the aim of continuously improving standards of care. As an affiliated lecturer at the University of Fribourg and member of several academic committees - including the International Inter-University Diploma in Gynecologic and Breast Oncology (UNIL in collaboration with several French universities) and the steering committee of the CAS in Colposcopy and Cervico-vaginal and Vulvar Pathology (UNIL-UNIGE) - I actively contribute to training future specialists. My teaching emphasizes both surgical excellence and a humanistic, patient-centered approach.

I have gained significant experience in governance and academic leadership. As former Swiss NATREP for ENYGO and a long-standing ESGO member, I am very familiar with the values and objectives of our society. I have served as external reviewer for several ESGO guidelines, underlining my commitment to supporting the development of evidence-based standards across Europe. Importantly,

I have organized several ESGO-endorsed international courses, combining theoretical updates with high-quality live surgery and hands-on training on models and cadavers. These experiences have strengthened my ability to design and implement educational programs aligned with ESGO's mission.

In parallel, I am deeply engaged in building cross-border collaborations. I serve on the executive board of SFOG Campus and SFOG (France), on the committee of AGE Switzerland, and on the GRSSGO board. These roles allow me to act as a connector between different academic and clinical networks, encouraging the circulation of knowledge and the creation of common projects at the European level.

My candidacy for the Council is guided by the conviction that ESGO plays a central role in promoting scientific excellence, continuous professional development, and equitable access to high-quality oncologic care. Through my clinical expertise, academic commitment, and broad collaborative network, I believe I can contribute positively to ESGO's vision. I am motivated to bring energy, experience, and dedication to the Council, supporting its growth and empowering the next generation of gynecologic oncology specialists.

Curriculum Vitae – Dr. med. Benedetta Guani

Deputy Head of Gynecologic Oncology and Breast Surgery – Fribourg Hospital (HFR)

Affiliated Lecturer – University of Fribourg

Languages

Italian (native), French (native), English (fluent)

Professional Experience

- Deputy Head Physician, Gynecology and Obstetrics, HFR Fribourg (since Nov 2021, full-time from Nov 2022).
- Clinical Chief, Gynecology and Obstetrics, HNE Neuchâtel (2017–2019).
- University Clinical Chief, Gynecology and Obstetrics, CHUV Lausanne (2019–2022).
- Resident in Gynecology and Obstetrics at EOC Bellinzona, HUG Geneva, CHUV Lausanne, HNE Neuchâtel (2010–2017).

Education & Training

- MD, University of Torino, 2007 (Swiss recognition).
- Specialist ISFM Diploma in Gynecology and Obstetrics, Neuchâtel, 2016.
- Diploma in Operative Endoscopy, CICE Clermont-Ferrand, 2017.
- Diploma ISFM in Advanced Surgical Gynecology and Obstetrics, Neuchâtel, 2019.
- DIU in Gynecologic and Breast Oncology, Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, 2019.
- PhD in Onco-gynecology, University of Lausanne, 2021.
- Diploma of Senology (SSS), 2022.
- Diploma ISFM in Gynecologic Oncology (2023) and Gynecologic Senology (2024).
- Robotic Surgery Training (TR 100-300-400), 2024–2025.

Research & Publications

- 73 peer-reviewed articles, H-index 15.
- Principal Investigator of 8 ongoing clinical studies.
- Guest Editor for Frontiers in Oncology and Cancers (special issues on cervical cancer).

Teaching & Presentations

- Invited speaker at international meetings (ESGO, ESGE, SGO, ASCO, FOCUS Paris, SFCO Nantes, AGOB Tunisia, etc.).
- Faculty at DIU in Oncogynecology and CAS in Colposcopy (Switzerland/France).
- Teacher at GESEA Switzerland, AGE SwissEndos, and University of Fribourg (Bachelor/Master programs, federal exams).
- Organizer of ESGO-endorsed advanced courses at SITEM Bern (Laparoscopy 2024, Vaginal Surgery 2025).

Awards & Grants

- Best Video Award, GRSSGO 2019.
- Faculty Prize, UNIL 2022.
- HFR Grant 2022 and 2024.
- Swiss Cancer Research Foundation grants 2025.
- Samantree Medical Grant for CHiB study (breast surgery with confocal microscopy) 2025.

Professional Memberships

- ESGO and ENYGO member; Swiss NATREP ENYGO (2021–2023).
- Executive Board, GRSSGO (2022-2025).
- Board Member, SFOG Campus (France) (2020-2024) and AGE Switzerland (2024-2025).
- Member, Breast Center Fribourg Executive Team (since 2022).
- Ethics Committee Member, CER-VD (2025–2030).

Core Competences

Specialist in colposcopy, gynecologic oncology, and senology.

Strong commitment to teaching, mentorship, and advancing surgical education.

