

It is with the deepest sadness that we bid farewell to **Prof. Dr. med. Arne Burkhardt.** 

On May 30, 2023, the renowned pathologist was snatched from life by a tragic accident. With our thoughts and sympathy, we are with his loved ones and mourn with them the loss of a wonderful person.

"Learning from the dead for the living" was Arne Burkhardt's motto as a pathologist. They were his incorruptible witnesses in his lifelong search for the truth. And as an empathetic, compassionate person, he knew about the comfort that knowledge of the cause of death can give to the bereaved. He also knew that the findings of his work could save the lives of countless people. For this reason, despite his age, he fearlessly and without hesitation faced the challenges of the Corona pandemic.

"Nil Nocere!", the primary principle of medical ethics that a treatment must never be more harmful than the disease itself, was seen by him as grossly violated during the pandemic. Without sparing himself, he mobilized all his reserves of strength and energy in the search for answers for the bereaved and his living patients - a mission that was to be the last and most successful of his life. Together with his team, he succeeded in providing scientific evidence of the great dangers of corona vaccinations. Arne Burkhardt leaves behind an impressive, unique life's work with which he has already inscribed himself in the history books, not only of medicine.

We are with his family and loved ones in our hearts and bow to a wonderful man and a great scientist.

Rest in peace!

Prof. Dr. med. Walter Lang on behalf of the members of the Pathologie-Konferenz

## Honoring his life's work:

Prof. Dr. med. Arne Burkhardt looks back on 79 years of life and an impressive career as a specialist in pathology. In addition to his many years of research and teaching activities at the Universities of Hamburg, Bern and Tübingen, he has taught internationally as part of visiting professorships and study visits in Japan (Nihon University), USA (Brookhaven National Institute), Korea, Sweden, Malaysia and Turkey.

After working in university medicine, he headed the Institute of Pathology in Reutlingen for 18 years. Since April 2021, he has worked in private office, as well as an appraiser and consultant for Sentry Laboratories (USA).

With a research focus on pulmonary and head and neck pathology, he is the author of over 150 original publications in German-language and international journals, as well as handbook articles and monographs in German, English and Japanese. Since the beginning of the Corona pandemic, he has dealt with the physical consequences of mandatory masks, the pathology of Corona infection and the consequences of Corona vaccination.

He selflessly postponed the longawaited retirement because he saw that his skills were needed. For us he has left too soon, may his soul now find its well-deserved peace.