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Anita Riecher-Rössler, MD PhD, is Professor of Psychiatry and Head of the Center for Gender Research and Early Detection at the Psychiatric University Clinics in Basel, Switzerland. She is specialised in psychiatry, psychotherapy and psychoanalysis, as well as in consultation and liaison psychiatry and in gerontopsychiatry. In 1998, she was the first woman to be appointed to a full chair for psychiatry in a German speaking country.

Her research interests are the field of schizophrenic psychoses and that of gender differences in mental disorders and mental disorders in women.

Her work in the field of schizophrenic psychoses has mainly been on the onset and the early detection of these disorders, but also on late onset schizophrenia.

Furthermore, she has worked on psychoneuroendocrinology and on mental disorders related to women's reproductive functions, such as during pregnancy, the postpartum and in menopause. A further focus is on psychosocial risk factors for mental disorders in women, such as violence.

Her approach is a bio-psycho-social one, i.e. she always tries to consider all these aspects in the pathogenesis as well as the therapy of mentally ill persons.

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