

**Prof. Anita Riecher-Rössler, M.D.**

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Anita Riecher-Rössler, M.D., is Professor of Psychiatry and Head of the University Psychiatric Outpatient Department 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 schizophrenia and that of gender differences in mental disorders and mental disorders in women.

Her work in the field of schizophrenia has mainly been on the onset and the early detection of these psychoses, but also on late onset schizophrenia. Furthermore she has worked on psychoneuroendocrinology in women with schizophrenic psychoses.

A further focus is on mental disorders related to women's reproductive functions, esp. during pregnancy, the postpartum and in menopause, and 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 therapy of mentally ill persons.

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