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Christian Drosten (born 1972, Lingen, Germany) is a physician by training, board certified in virology, medical microbiology and infection epidemiology. He started his professional career at the Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine in Hamburg, where he discovered the unknown virus causing severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) in 2003 and developed a diagnostic test that enabled public health authorities worldwide to stop a beginning pandemic.



In 2007, at age 34, he became the founding director of the Institute of Virology at University of Bonn Medical Centre, now one of the most well-known places for research on emerging viruses in Germany. His group has several active research projects in Africa and Latin America. In March 2017 he took over the Chair of Virology at Charité, Berlin, where he heads the Institute of Virology on Campus Mitte.

Drosten has co-authored more than 300 peer-reviewed papers and coordinated research consortia funded by the European Union, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft and the German Ministry of Research. He is a member of the internal advisory board of the German Center for Infection Research (DZIF) and the speaker of the German National Research Network for Zoonotic Infections. He received the German Federal Cross of Merit for his work to counter the SARS epidemic. As a professor at one of the largest university medical centres in Europe, he is intensely engaged in collaborative clinical and basic research to limit the threat of emerging infections and pandemics.