

# Dr. Dieter Zakel, MA

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## PROFILE

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Highly accomplished Licensed Physician and Health Care Administrator offering 20+ years of dedicated service delivering state-of-the-art medical care to health care consumers at various international locations. Areas of clinical expertise include anesthesiology, critical care, family medicine, and transfusion medicine. Recognized as a pioneer in transforming health care through development of new business models for medical practices, launch of new health care programs and service lines, and serving as a consultant on capital improvement projects for health care organizations.

Forward-Thinking Leader with successful career as a retired Colonel in the Austrian Army serving in various key leadership roles directing clinical operations within dynamic health care settings worldwide. Effective in matrix-managing cross-functional interdisciplinary teams that collaborate as a focused unit to achieve ambitious goals in patient care. Keen understanding of industry trends and implementation of new technologies to meet the needs of diverse patient populations.

Significant International Relations experience in the development and launch of new organizations focused on supporting human rights, providing international relief, influencing key decision makers in politics, and making a positive difference in the lives of others. Multilingual and extensive experience working with individuals from culturally diverse backgrounds.

Internationally recognized Key Opinion Leader with several publications in peer-reviewed publications on cutting-edge medicine and served as consultant for government agencies and high-profile international organizations. Valuable clinical resource for training and mentoring health care providers. Foster an environment of high-morale, peak efficiency, and team orientation.

<b>Success</b>	<b>is always</b>	<b>possible</b>
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Project & Program Management	Strategic Planning	Operations Management
New Business Development	Performance & Process Improvement	International Experience
Clinical Needs Assessment	Standards of Care	Health Care Consulting
Regulatory Compliance	Capital Improvement Projects	Start-Up Settings
Policy & Procedure Development	Team Building / Management	Quality Assurance / Control
Business & Clinical Models	Risk Management & Analysis	Clinical Research

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

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### **TUI Cruises, Hamburg, Germany, 11/16 – present**

#### **Ship Doctor**

Serves as Anesthesiologist and Emergency Care Physician in the emergency ward on board of cruise ships. Is responsible for the basic and emergency medical treatment of the passengers and the crew members. Deals with a wide range of medical conditions - evaluation and treatment of medical, surgical, gynaecological and paediatric problems; suturing of wounds; incision and drainage of abscesses; evaluation of ophthalmologic emergencies; reduction of simple dislocations, splinting and immobilization procedures; Advanced Cardiac Life Support procedures and treatments (ACLS, ATLS, PALS, PHTLS) including emergency airway management; administration of thrombolytic agents and other life saving interventions.

### **International SOS, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea,**

**10/15 – 8/16**

#### **Anesthesiologist & Emergency Care Physician**

Served as Anesthesiologist and Emergency Care Physician as well as specialist for Transfusion Medicine for ISOS catering to the Australian Federal Police.

Provide care for patients and supervise on-site paramedics. Negotiate and activate emergency repatriation. Treat AFD patients in the ED and ICU.

## **International SOS, Erbil, Iraq 11/14 – 10/15**

### **Senior Medical Officer**

Served as Senior Medical Officer for ISOS catering to the oil industry in Iraq. Provided care for patients and supervised on-site paramedics. Negotiate and activate emergency repatriation.

## **dr.ive in, Vienna, Austria 05/14 – 09/14**

### **Owner**

Launched and managed medical practice that provided comprehensive medical care in outpatient setting. Practice offered medical care at a flat-rate price model, which was reported through all media channels across Europe as an innovative concept with great acceptance by health care consumers; Wal-Mart has subsequently adopted this flat-price model.

## **360° Medizin, Vienna, Austria 08/05 – 09/14**

### **Owner**

Opened and managed personal physician service, providing patients with comprehensive cutting-edge medical solutions for various medical conditions. Set up a Ladies Program for the family of patients.

## **FIFA U-17 World Cup, Kaduna, Nigeria 07/09 –**

**09/09**

### **Chief Medical Officer**

Organized and managed medical EMSA and security services for World Cup.

## **Landes-Nervenlinik Wagner-Jauregg, Linz, Austria**

**03/06 – 03/07**

### **Staff Anesthesiologist**

Provided anesthesiology services for surgical patients. Performed preoperative assessments on patients with neurological and neurosurgical diseases to develop and execute appropriate anesthetic plans. Practice evidence-based medicine and contributed to development of clinical guidelines and protocols to improve quality of patient care. Prepared research programs for publication in

reputed scientific journals.

## **Universitätsklinikum St. Pölten, St. Pölten, Austria**

**11/04 – 12/05**

### **Staff Anesthesiologist**

Administered anesthesia or sedation during medical procedures. Collaborated with members of multidisciplinary team to determine type and method of anesthetic procedures. Educated medical students and other hospital staff on types and method of anesthesia used during procedures. Instructed individuals and groups on disease prevention and healthy lifestyles. Conducted medical research for disease prevention, investigation of new medications, and develop new medical techniques.

## **Medical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria 01/96**

**– 09/04**

### **Staff Anesthesiologist (01/99 – 09/04)**

Tasked with participating in research programs, teaching students and other health care providers in operation theater, and various administrative duties. Took part in various research programs and published papers.

### **Resident Anesthesiologist (01/96 – 12/98)**

Completed residency program at the top-ranked medical university in Central Europe.

## **MILITARY SERVICE**

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## **Austrian Armed Forces, Various worldwide locations**

**10/82 – 09/13**

### **Colonel**

Selected international assignments:

- Chief Medical Officer, KFOR Kosovo, 1999
- Medical Officer, UNDOF, Syria / Israel, 1995
- Force Medical Officer, UNIKOM / UNSCOM, Iraq / Kuwait, 1994 – 1995
- Triage Officer and Head of Emergency Department, UNAFHIR, Iran, 1991

- Operations Duty Officer, UNFICYP, Cyprus, Greece, 1986

## **CONSULTING EXPERIENCE**

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**Vanbreda International, Vienna, Austria 05/09 – 03/11**

### **Medical Consultant**

Contracted to expand organization's expert network throughout Austria.

**National Research Center for Maternal and Child Health, Astana, Kazakhstan 05/10 – 11/10**

### **Senior Consultant for Anesthesia and Intensive Care**

Selected by President of hospital to build Anesthesia Department for organization's new hospital.

**Vienna General Hospital, Vienna, Austria 10/03 – 04/04**

### **Project Lead**

Led AKH Project, "Saving 50% Blood" to save red packed blood cells in facility's university clinic.

## **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS EXPERIENCE**

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**The Freiheitsakademie, Vienna, Austria 05/12 – Present**

### **President**

Elected as President of organization that promotes individual liberty and opposes etatist structures bureaucracy and state violence.

**Medtrix, Vienna, Austria 03/07 – 09/12**

## **Founder**

Founded lobbying agency that focused on gaining influence on decision makers in politics who deal with health care sector. Successful lobbying efforts led to being elected to the Chamber of Doctors as a Functionary.

## **Medvertising, Vienna, Austria 03/07 – 09/12**

### **Founder**

Established advertising agency to promote medical services in Austria.

## **French Delegation to the OSCE in Vienna, Vienna, Austria 09/04 – 10/04**

### **International Relations Internship**

## **Austrian Government, Vienna, Austria 03/04 – 08/04**

### **Consultant**

Requested by leading government bureaucrats and politicians to provide medical expertise in drafting new legislation.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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## **Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC 04/01 – 06/01**

### **Fellowship — Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine**

Selected by Medical University of Vienna to be trained in hyperbaric oxygen therapy and set up HBO center in Vienna.

## **Scripps Clinic and VA Medical Center, San Diego, CA 01/96**

### **Observership**

Observed surgical procedures and processes to prepare for cardiothoracic residency program in Austria.

# **Cornell Medical Center, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, New York, NY 01/93 – 02/93**

## **Observership**

Observed cardiothoracic procedures and processes to prepare for cardiothoracic residency program in Austria.

## **TRAINING**

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- Medical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
- Resident Transfusion Medicine (2003 – 2004)
- Resident Anesthesiologist (1996 – 1998)
- Landes-Nervenlinik Wagner-Jauregg, Linz, Austria
- Resident Laboratory Medicine (1993 – 1994)
- Resident (1993)
- Unfallkrankenhaus Linz, Linz, Austria
- Anesthesiology Resident (1992 – 1993)

## **EDUCATION**

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- Webster University, Vienna, Austria
- M.A., International Relations
- University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
- Medicine
- Bundesrealgymnasium Bruck an der Leitha, Vienna, Austria
- University-Track Secondary School Degree

## **CREDENTIALS**

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- Board Certified Anesthesiologist and Intensive Care Physician, License #27493-11, Austrian Medical Chamber
- Board Certified Specialist in Transfusion Medicine, License #27493-11, Austrian Medical Chamber
- Board Certified Specialist in Family Medicine, License #27493-11, Austrian

## Medical Chamber

- eFAST - Extended Focused Assessment With Sonography for Trauma (27493-11\_530930)
- ACLS - Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (SCIDGDYW0G5G)
- ATLS - Advanced Trauma Life Support (640251)
- PALS - Pediatric Advanced Life Support (ÖÄK 27493-11)
- Continuing Medical Education, License #27493-11, Austrian Medical Chamber
- American Safety & Health Institute Authorized Instructor, License #1028253, EMS Spain By SAMI
- General Practitioner Diploma, Austrian Chamber of Doctors
- Specialist Diploma for Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine, Austrian Chamber of Doctors
- Specialist Diploma for Blood Group Serology and Transfusion Medicine, Austrian Chamber of Doctors
- Emergency Physician Diploma, Austrian Chamber of Doctors
- Senior Emergency Physician Diploma, Austrian Chamber of Doctors
- Clinical Trial Controller Diploma, Austrian Chamber of Doctors
- Military Surgeon Diploma, Austrian Chamber of Doctors
- Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine Diploma, American Society for Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine
- Hyperbarics Diploma, European Diving Technology Committee

## SELECTED AWARDS

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- NATO Kosovo Medal, 2000
- United Nations Medal UNIKOM, 1995
- United Nations Medal UNDOF, 1995
- United Nations Medal UNFICYP, 1986

## LANGUAGES

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- Fluent in German and English
- Basic knowledge of Russian, French, and Arabic

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Sadjak, A., R. Wintersteiger, D. Zakel, T. Wenzl, E.P. Lankmayr, E. Gferer, R. Likar. "Peripheral Analgesic Effect of Intra-Articularly Applied Clonidine." Schmerz. August 2006.
- Wenzl, T., E.P. Lankmayr, R. Wintersteiger, A. Sadjak, R. Likar, D. Zakel. "Determination and Quantification of Clonidine in Human Blood Serum." Journal of Biochemical and Biophysical Methods. October 2002.
- Ihra, G., N. Kolev, D. Zakel, A. Kepka, C. Schabernig, A. Aloy. "Transesophageal Echocardiographic Assessment of Right Heart Hemodynamics During High-Frequency Jet Ventilation." Journal of Clinical Anesthesia. February 1999.

## REFERENCE PORTFOLIO

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### **Michael Zimpfer**

MD, MBA, Professor and Chairman, Department of Anesthesiology, General Intensive Care and Pain Control

### **VIENNA GENERAL HOSPITAL, MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF**

#### **VIENNA**

"In summary, Dr. Zakel is a well-trained, skilled, and circumspect anesthesiologist and critical care physician and also a team player who, always with the risk / benefit ratio of the patient in mind, is able to solve medical challenges and problems quickly and reliably. In doing so, he works with extreme dedication and initiative to bring about good results, also in stressful and critical situations."

### **Gerald Ihra**

MD, Professor of Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine

#### **MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA**

"I was strongly impressed by Dr. Zakel's professionalism, his very good technical knowledge, his ability to assess difficult situations immediately and correctly and to find the correct solutions quickly working with extraordinary dedication and personal initiative reliably and precisely at all times. He was integrated into our team very well and showed himself to have excellent people skills, an excellent analytical mind, and valuable communication skills in addition to his broad scientific and medical knowledge."

### **Dr. Gregory Weeks**

Department Head International Relations

## **WEBSTER UNIVERSITY VIENNA**

Dr. Zakel showed himself to have excellent people skills, an excellent analytical mind, and superb communication skills in addition to a broad scientific and medical knowledge. I firmly believe these skills make him perfectly suited for the job in question.”

### **Dr. Christopher Lee**

FIFA U-17 World Cup Chief Medical Coordinator

## **INTERNATIONAL SOS**

“I worked with him during the FIFA Under-17 World Cup Tournament in November 2009, when it was held in Nigeria. Dieter was part of my team of doctors who worked as ‘clinic lead’ in one of the several bespoke intensive care clinics set-up in the cities in which the matches were being played. ... Being as we were in a developing country, there were inevitable problems (more or less on a daily basis!), yet Dieter was able to deal with all of them effortlessly. He had the knack of motivating his team to undertake all the challenging tasks that were put to them. He was the Head Doctor on site.”

### **Henry E. Wilkins**

## **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

“The United States Department of State extends its warmest regards to you for the medical assistance and care you have so generously extended to the U.S. Police Officers serving in the United Nations Police Training Mission in Kosovo. You are a credit to the medical profession and to Austria.”

### **Claudius Bubner**

Brigadier General, Deputy Austrian Military Representative

## **AUSTRIAN DELEGATION TO NATO**

“...Colonel Dr. Zakel gained a broad and international reputation as an approved and greatly demanded professional surgeon in a rewarding military environment, as army doctors had to face challenging times in an era of heavy commitments. ... ..he can communicate and react well to other people and different cultural backgrounds in a friendly and open manner.”

### **Major R. Carewicz**

Force Medical Officer

## **UNITED NATIONS**

“Particularly I am very grateful for your attitude to HQ personnel, for your support in HQ medical stand-by duties and for your participation in medical aid given to local Syrian people.”