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GUEST SPEAKER

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“Development and Relevance of the Tumor Biomarkers IDH1 and BRAF”

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Dr. Andreas von Deimling is Professor of Neuropathology at the University of Heidelberg. He also serves as Director of the Clinical Cooperation Unit Neuropathology at the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) in Heidelberg. He trained for Neuropathology at the University of Zurich, Switzerland, the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, USA, and the University of Bonn, Germany. From 1998 to 2006, prior to his move to Heidelberg, he was Director of the Institute of Neuropathology at the Charité Hospital, Berlin. Dr. von Deimling has special interest in human brain tumors including classification and grading aspects and their underlying molecular biology. He has been involved in the identification of biomarkers such as 1p/19q losses in oligodendrogial tumors and IDH1 mutations in diffuse gliomas. He has published over 270 peer reviewed research papers and is a member of the working group for the WHO Classification of Tumors of the Central Nervous System. Current projects address the function of IDH and BRAF mutations in brain tumors and their impact on diagnosis and therapy.