



Michel Gilliet, MD

Michel Gilliet is a Swiss dermatologist and immunologist who is chair of the Department of Dermatology at the University of Lausanne, CHUV in Lausanne, Switzerland.

His research has focused primarily on translational research studying immune responses in inflammatory skin diseases and melanoma. He was involved in the discovery of the role of thymic stromal lymphopoietin (TSLP) in atopic dermatitis.

A respected researcher and clinician, Dr. Gilliet has published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles in leading scientific journals, and his work has been cited more than 19,000 times. He is a member of many prestigious medical societies and has served as president of ESDR.

In 2016, he was one of the two annual recipients of the Cloëtta Prize, which honors those who have rendered outstanding services to specific areas of medical research in Switzerland, for his “for his fundamental discoveries on the link between innate immune answers and autoimmune and inflammatory diseases, notably of the skin.”

Dr. Gilliet received his medical training at the University of Zürich, Switzerland, and his research training in immunology at the DNAX Research Institute in Palo Alto, California, USA. In 2004, he joined the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, USA, as an assistant professor in dermatology and immunology. He was promoted to tenured associate professor with a clinical appointment in dermatology, a translational research appointment in melanoma oncology, and a basic science appointment in immunology. He returned to Switzerland and assumed his current role in 2010.