



**Brief Curriculum Vitae of  
Prof. Fred Bamatter (1899-1988)**  
born on May 4, 1899 in Basel, citizen of Basel and Naters

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**Medical Degree**

Medical Schools of Basel and Geneva, Switzerland

**Postgraduate Training**

1927-1930 Pathology, Institute of Pathology, Geneva, Switzerland (Prof. Max Askanazy)  
1929 Grand Course in Microbiology (4 months), Institut Pasteur, Paris, France  
1930-1931 Internal Medicine, CHUV, Lausanne (Prof. Louis Michaud)  
1931-1935 Pediatrics, Children's Hospital, Zurich (Prof. Guido Fanconi)

**Clinical Activities**

1935 Private Practice, Geneva, Switzerland  
1937-1940 Ophthalmology, Department of Ophthalmology, Geneva (Prof. Adolphe Franceschetti)  
1946 Consultant physician, University Children's Hospital, Geneva, Switzerland (Prof. Pierre Gautier)  
1969 Retirement

**Academic Positions**

1948-1957 Lecturer in Pediatrics, Medical Faculty, University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland  
1948-1950 Vice President, Swiss Society of Pediatrics  
1950-1952 President, Swiss Society of Neonatology  
1957-1969 Professor of Pediatrics, Medical Faculty, University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland  
1969 Honorary professor

### **List of important academic contributions**

- Identification of meningococci as the microorganism causing the Waterhouse-Friedrichsen syndrome
- Description of certain forms of poliomyelitis
- Description of the first European case of congenital toxoplasmosis
- Description of various congenital malformation syndromes (incl. gerodermia osteodysplastica, also known as Walt Disney Dwarfism)
- Coined the term “embryopathy“ to describe the consequences of maternal infections (e.g. rubella, toxoplasmosis)
- Description of various forms of cerebral palsy
- More than 160 publications

### **Other achievements**

- Builder of the Clinique de Pédiatrie in Geneva (1956-1960)
- Medical and technical advisor for the Hospital Infantil Albina R. De Patino in Cochabamba, Bolivia

### **Awards**

- 1951 Tarnier Award (Académie de Médecine, Paris)
- 1953 Alfred Vogt Award for Ophthalmology (congenital toxoplasmosis)
- 1979 INTERASSAR Award for the Clinique de Pédiatrie in Geneva (together with the architects Albert Cingria and Georges Taramasco)
- 1982 Adèle-Duttweiler Award