

Biography Pauli Puolakkainen

MD, PhD, Pauli Puolakkainen received his medical degrees from the University of Helsinki and Helsinki University Hospital, where he also completed his general and abdominal surgery residencies. During his career as an academic surgeon he has spent over 5 years in Seattle, WA, doing medical research.

After serving as professor of surgery at the University of Turku, Finland, Dr Puolakkainen is currently professor of surgery and Chairman at the Department of Surgery in Helsinki University. He is a program director of the abdominal surgery residency program. He is a member of Academy of Finland, European Surgical Association, American Pancreatic Association and a council member in the International Gastric Cancer Association.

Dr Puolakkainen is an Associate Editor in Scandinavian Journal of Surgery and Editorial Board member of JAMA Surgery. His research interests include acute pancreatitis, gastric and pancreatic cancers, the role of inflammation and tumor environment in cancer growth and pancreatic surgery.