



Dr Rodrigue PIGNEL was born in 1966.

Graduated in underwater and hyperbaric medicine in 1995, he worked until 2010 at the hyperbaric centre of Martinique (French Antilles). He then joined the University Hospitals of Geneva's new hyperbaric medicine consultation, of which he became medical director in 2012.

Within the University of Geneva, he and his team created the first Swiss university education in hyperbaric medicine, according to the ECHM/EDTC curriculum (as a "Certificate of Advanced Studies"). In 2018, they will start their 3rd Promotion. They also initiated hyperbaric research on wound healing, diving decompression ...

For the last 3 years, he and his team were in charge the medical assistance of deep saturation dives (13 ATA) on a dam at high altitude (1800m). It is probably a European record because of depth and altitude. They have had to manage emergency evacuation procedures and teach all the team to be prepared to emergency medical actions under high pressure.

Rodrigue is a member of EUBS since 2010, after coming back to Europe. He was the organiser of last years' 42nd EUBS Annual Scientific Meeting organiser, in Geneva.

He is also member of the ExCom of the French hyperbaric medicine society (MedSubHyp) and member of the educational committee of the Swiss Underwater and Hyperbaric Medicine Society (SUHMS).

He is a dive instructor since 1993, qualified in nitrox and rebreather diving. Two years ago, he passed the level IIIC hyperbaric qualification, which allows him to direct and perform saturation dives.