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# Professor Axel Ullrich

**"From Gene Technology to the Magic Bullet of Cancer Therapy: Is the promise coming true?"**  
Eminent German Scientist, **Professor Axel Ullrich** in Sydney Tuesday June 5, 2007

A champion of translational research and pioneer in cancer research and treatment, Professor Ullrich of the Max Planck Institute has taken his basic discoveries through to patient therapies including :

- **Humulin** (human Insulin for the treatment of diabetes), the first therapeutic agent to be developed through gene-based technology and the first biotechnology product ever.
- **SUTENT/Sunitinib**, for the treatment of Gastro Intestinal Stromal Tumors and Renal Cell Carcinoma
- **Herceptin**, the first gene-targeted treatment aimed at the cells causing breast cancer.

**Personalised drug cocktails improving the length and quality of peoples' lives**

Professor Ullrich believes the creation of a gene database in the Singapore Onco Genome laboratory will provide a comprehensive picture of the genetics of cancer cell lines and tissues, enabling us to exploit this knowledge of basic science and develop it into new cancer treatments.

In 2001 Time Magazine Europe has named Professor Ullrich as one of **25 European "tech leaders who are changing how we work, live and play"**.

Professor Ullrich will be speaking at the  
ASMR Medical Research Week® Dinner  
Tuesday June 6, 2007  
Sheraton on the Park

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