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He is a board certified specialist in internal medicine, infectious diseases and pharmaceutical medicine. A practicing physician in Lugano, Dr. Cerny is responsible for the regional pharmaco-vigilance center of the Italian-speaking part of Switzerland and is a member of the medicines expert committee of Swissmedic, the FDA of Switzerland.

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