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Dr. Boris Bastian received his MD degree and Dr. med degree from the Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich. After completing a residency in dermatology at the University of Wurzburg, he received additional training in dermatopathology and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of California, San Francisco before joining the institution's faculty and starting his research laboratory at UCSF's Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center. In 2010 he moved to the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center to become Chairman of the Department of Pathology.

In 2011 he returned to UCSF, where he is currently the Leader of the Cutaneous Oncology Program and the Gerson and Barbara Bakar Distinguished Professor of Cancer Biology. His laboratory is in the Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center and he has clinical responsibilities in the Dermatopathology Section of the Departments of Dermatology and Pathology, where he directs the molecular diagnostic laboratory of the Dermatopathology Section.

Dr. Bastian's research focuses on the molecular genetics of cutaneous neoplasms, with a particular emphasis on the discovery of genetic alterations useful for diagnosis, classification, and therapy. His laboratory has contributed to the discovery of several genetic alterations in melanocytic neoplasia that are relevant for therapeutic and diagnostic purposes and for a molecular taxonomy of melanocytic neoplasia.