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Leena Bruckner-Tuderman is professor and chair of the Department of Dermatology at the Medical Center - University of Freiburg, in Freiburg, Germany, and coordinator of the Freiburg Center for Rare Diseases. As a physician-scientist she combines basic and translational research with patient care.

She studied medicine in Oulu, Finland, and after an experimental dissertation in molecular medicine, continued her postdoctoral work in biochemistry in Piscataway, N.J., USA, and in structural biology in Basel, Switzerland. She specialized in dermatology at University of Zurich, Switzerland and was a Score-Fellow of the Swiss National Science Foundation. Thereafter she became a Heisenberg fellow of the German Research Foundation (DFG) and moved to the Muenster University, Germany, where she became professor of dermatology. During this period in Muenster she was also a visiting professor at the University of Hong Kong and at the Harvard Medical School, Boston. In 2003 she became professor and chair of dermatology at the University of Freiburg.

Her research deals with molecular genetics and disease mechanisms of rare skin diseases, and development of molecular therapies, as well as biology of basement membranes, the extracellular matrix, epithelial-mesenchymal communication, and cell-matrix interactions.