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Professor Olli Raitakari, winner of the big prize for scientific achievement 2007



Professor Olli Raitakari, winner of the big prize for scientific achievement in 2007. Professor Olli Raitakari, born 1963, is professor of cardiovascular medicine at Turku University and chief physician at Dept. of Clinical Physiology, Nuclear Medicine & PET, Turku University Hospital, Finland. He has published over 200 peer-review articles of which 42 have been published last year with which he is ranking 7th among all Finnish medical scholars. In the year 2007 three doctoral dissertations were completed under his guidance and he is currently supervising 14 doctoral candidates.

His recent research has focused on atherosclerosis, particularly atherosclerotic precursors in children and young adults, and has allowed for the development, modification and validation of the techniques involved in the measurement subclinical atherosclerotic vascular changes. He has been project leader from 1999 in the Cardiovascular Risk in Young Finns Study - Epidemiologic multicenter study on atherosclerotic precursors in Finnish children and young adults.