



Dr Julia Jacobs is the current Director of the Pediatric Epilepsy Program at Alberta Children's Hospital. She is an Associate Professor affiliated with the Department of Pediatrics and Clinical Neuroscience at the University of Calgary and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Freiburg, Germany.

Born in Germany, she trained in pediatric neurology before coming to Canada for the first time as a fellow at the Montreal Neurological Institute. After completing her fellowship she moved back to Germany for 10 years where she worked most recently as the Director of the Department of Pediatric Neurology in Freiburg. She moved to Calgary in October 2019.

Dr Jacobs is a clinician scientist aiming to bring new diagnostic tools and treatments to children with rare and difficult to treat epilepsies. Her most recent work focuses on helping to understand the individual risk of patients to develop seizures and treatment strategies that might prevent severe epilepsy in children. Her research has been awarded several international prizes.

Dr Jacobs joined the Calgary Epilepsy Association to support and develop new learning opportunities for families with epilepsy. She also aims strengthen the interactions between the Association and the clinical program at Alberta Children's Hospital.

Dr Jacobs is married to a fellow researcher and Canadian, whom she met in Montreal. She has two sons that love the multicultural fun and great outdoors that Calgary has to offer.