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Birgitte Rode Diness studied medicine at the Universities of Copenhagen, Denmark. She had her medical registration in 2002. She defended her PhD thesis on public health, based on field work in Guinea-Bissau in 2007. She trained in Clinical Genetics at Rigshospitalet Copenhagen University, Denmark, and was recognized as specialist in 2014. She has been head of the Clinical Genetics Department at Rigshospitalet Copenhagen University Hospital since 2021 and has served as associate Professor at the University of Copenhagen, Institute of Clinical Medicine since 2015. Her areas of expertise, reflected by her clinical and research work, comprise the aortopathy syndromes and increasingly also the clinical utility of genetic counselling, genetic testing and genetic screening. She is the founder of and chairperson for the Danish national genetics specialist network within cardiogenetics.

She joined the European Board of Medical Genetics (EBMG), branch of medical geneticist in 2017. From 2021-2024 she has served in the presidential rotation of the board, acting as president 2022-2023. Since 2014 she has been a Danish delegate to the UEMS section of Medical Genetics.