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Born in Barcelona, April 24th, 1959

Fluent in: Catalan, Spanish, English, French

Current positions

Director of the Department of Dermatology, Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau (HSCSP) –a 600-bed reference and academic hospital affiliated with the Autonomous University of Barcelona).

Professor of Dermatology at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) Medical School.

Professional career

I received my Medicine degree at the Medical Faculty of the UAB and obtained the Special Curricular Award on Graduation (1982). I obtained the highest individual score and the number 1 of order at the Spanish competitive Residency matching examination in 1983. I completed my Residency training in Dermatology at the Department of Dermatology at the HSCSP (Professor JM de Moragas), obtaining the Spanish Board certificate in Medical-Surgical Dermatology and Venerology in 1987.

I became a staff dermatologist of the Department of Dermatology, HSCSP, in 1987. Since then, I have taken care of the clinics of melanoma and pigmented lesions, contact dermatitis, and, currently, psoriasis. I have been a member of the Committees of Pharmacovigilance and Skin Oncology at the HSCSP. I have also been Consultant Physician at the Hospital de Barcelona and the Stauros Clinic.

Academic and research achievements

In 1991 I defended my Ph.D. thesis: "Modulation and pharmacology of the dietary arachidonic acid metabolism. Implications for psoriasis" (directed by Professor. José M. de Moragas), and obtained a unanimous Cum Laude qualification and the 1990-1991 Outstanding Ph.D. thesis Award of the Faculty of Medicine, UAB.

Thereafter I have continued working as Senior Research Associate at the Institute of Biomedical Research, Fundació d'Investigació Sant Pau, with 9 projects of research -funded by various state institutions (FIS, CICYT, etc.)- in which I have participated as Principal Investigator or Associate/Coordinate Investigator. Their subjects were related to the pathophysiology of psoriasis and other inflammatory dermatoses, experimental pharmacology, immunohistopathology and oncodermatology (melanoma, Kaposi's sarcoma and Merkel cell tumor). I have received 4 personal scholarships and 6 research awards.

As regards clinical research, I have adequate knowledge of the FDA and EMEA regulations related to Good Clinical Practice and Clinical Trials (<http://www.fda.gov/oc/gcp/regulations.html>, <http://www.emea.europa.eu/pdfs/human/ich/013595en.pdf>), and have participated in 21 clinical trials to date, mostly as a Principal Investigator.

The results of my research have been published in 421 presentations at national and international meetings (29 of them by invitation), 215 full papers and 66 letters or abstracts in national journals (including many review articles and continuous medical education papers), 10 international book chapters and 104 full papers and 74 letters in indexed journals (Bibliometrics: cumulative Impact Factor 135.032, average Impact Factor 1.562, factor h = 16, Egghead G index = 22; 4.3 citations/article).

Teaching experience

My teaching began in 1989 as Assistant Professor in Dermatology at the Sant Pau Teaching Unit, Faculty of Medicine, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. I have also lectured in numerous postgraduate courses in various Medical Schools and in the Blanquerna University School of Nursing and Physiotherapy of the Ramon Llull University, as well as in numerous CME courses. I am Residents' and

Post-graduate Tutor at the Department of Dermatology of the HSCSP since 1999, and received the Teaching Accreditation from the Catalan Institute of Health Studies in 2007 after having completed the Seminar Course on Health Teaching and Educational Methodology (code 2201070200). In 2004 I received the Research Accreditation of the Catalan Agency for University System Quality. Since 2005 I am Associate Professor of Dermatology at the Hospital Santa Creu i Sant Pau Teaching Unit of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona Medical School. In 2009 I have received the University Professor National Accreditation of the Spanish Agencia Nacional de Evaluación de la Calidad y Acreditación.

I have organized the Doctoral Course "Biological Therapy in Dermatology (Code 60801) in 2006, 2007 and 2008. I have led a Research Thesis and have been a member of 4 Ph.D. theses juries. I have also been an expert jury member of the Advances in Psoriasis Research Grant in 2008 (Wyeth).

Scientific production and publications

I have attended 265 courses, congresses and conferences, and have been a coordinator or chairman at 45 of them. I have given lectures in 108 national and international courses and seminars.

I have published numerous CME papers in Piel and other journals, 121 book chapters and full books, CD-ROM or on-line materials, and translations of 11 international textbooks. Among them I would like to highlight my book "The Skin and the Nervous System", and my authorship of 7 chapters in the 3 successive editions of the textbook "Dermatología Clínica", edited by Professor Carlos Ferrándiz, which has become widely accepted and is recommended in many Medical Schools of Spain and Latin America.

I belong to the Editorial Boards of Piel, Actas Dermosifiliográficas, Medicina Cutánea Latinoamericana, Medicina Clínica and other journals, and I have been a reviewer for Archives of Dermatology, British Journal of Dermatology, and the Journal of the European Academy of Dermatology, among others.

Society memberships, consultancies and other achievements

I am a member of various national and international scientific societies, including AEDV, CILAD, EADV, AAD, ASDP and ESDR, and Honorary Member of the Venezuelan Society of Dermatology (2002).

I am a founding member of several Working Groups of the AEDV, current Coordinator of the Psoriasis Group and the Dermatopathology Group, former Secretary of the Catalano-Balear Section of the AEDV, and Delegate of the Official College of Physicians of Barcelona (1998-2009).

I am a member of the European Scientific Committee - Dermatology, European Center for Clinical Excellence, since 2006, Expert Advisor to the Catalan Health Service on proposal by the Catalan Society of Dermatology and Venereology of the Catalan-Balear Academy of Medical Sciences, Member of the Scientific Board of the Psoriasis International Network (2008), and the International Psoriasis Council (2012). I belong to the International Expert and Advisory Panels of several pharmaceutical companies (Abbvie, Celgene, Janssen, MSD, Novartis, Pfizer).

Current research, clinical and academic interests in the field of psoriasis

In the last 5 years I have focused on clinical research in the treatment of psoriasis with biological agents, an area in which I am considered to be a key opinion leader both nationally and internationally, having taught at numerous national and international conferences, workshops and seminars.

I have organized annually a 'Course on Biological Therapy in Dermatology' since 2006 (2.2 Spanish CME credits and Postgraduate University Course). I am also the Coordinator of the 'Integrated Approach to the Patient with Psoriasis' online course (8 Spanish CME credits) and the 'Hospital School of Psoriasis', both sponsored by the Spanish Academy Dermatology and Venerology.

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