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### PROFILE

- President, Founder and CEO of the Clinica Vertebra Barcelona Spine & Pain Surgery Center, (1987) Barcelona, Spain
- Executive Member of the Board of Directors of Hospital Delfos, (since 1997) Barcelona, Spain
- President (2011-2013) and Founder (1993) of the World Institute of Pain, USA

### ACADEMICS

- 1975; MD Degree at the Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain
- 1980; Board of Neurosurgery at the Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain
- 1983; Certificate in Traditional Chinese Medicine (no.3907), Nanjing College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Nanjing, China
- 1984; Board of Community & Family Medicine at the Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain
- 1984/1985 Fellow of Interventional Pain Management at the Boston Pain Centre, Massachusetts General Hospital ( Harvard Medical School, Mass, USA)
- 1987; Hospital Management Diplomate at ESADE Business School, Barcelona, Spain
- 1991; Board Certified in Pain Management, American Academy of Pain Management, USA
- 2001; Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice (FIPP) WIP
- Major areas of scientific interest: Neurosurgery of Pain, Interventional Approaches for Spinal Chronic Pain Conditions and Development of Organizational Models for Patient's Care

### PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Editor of several medical journals on Pain Management and Interventional Pain Therapies
- Founding Member of National and International Medical Societies on the Pain Field
- Visiting Professor and Lecturer at European, Asian and American Universities
- September 1989; Founding Member of the Spanish Pain Society
- September 1997; President of the Organizing Committee of the EFIC Congress (European Federation of IASP Chapters) " Pain in Europe " Barcelona, Spain
- September 2004; President of the Third World Congress of Pain, WIP (World Institute of Pain), Barcelona, Spain
- 2006-2010; Founding President of the Catalan Pain Society, Barcelona, Spain
- 2010; Founder and Life-Trustee of the World Institute of Pain Foundation, North Carolina, USA
- 2011-2014; President and Founder of the World Institute of Pain (WIP, USA)
- August 2012; Honorary President of the III World Congress on Minimally Invasive Spinal Surgery and Techniques, Salvador, Brazil