

Monica Marta is a clinical academic neurologist with a special interest in multiple sclerosis and other neuroinflammatory and neuroinfectious diseases.

She graduated from Coimbra University Medical School in October 1994, and developed an interest in neurology during the years of general training.

The neurology specialist training in Hospital Geral de Santo Antonio in Porto from January 1997 to February 2002 had training in neuroinflammation with Dr Isabel Leite and Prof Luis Monteiro and also clinical immunology (HIV and systemic inflammation). It was included a 6 months elective in Prof Olsson's neuroimmunology lab at the Karolinska Institute.

She went back to Stockholm to work with Prof Olsson's team from March 2003 and defended her PhD thesis "Gene regulation and immune mechanisms in multiple sclerosis animal models" at Karolinska Institutet in September 2007.

Since October 2007, she works with the Barts MS Team and the HIV-Neurology service at QMUL/ Barts Health NHS Trust in London. She is involved in investigator-led clinical trials of drugs for people with multiple sclerosis, has a MS clinic and a joint HIV-neurology clinic and has published extensively. Activities in public and patient involvement have always been part of her interests with participation in projects such as Digesting Science and MS Research Days.