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Professor Xavier Montalban is Chairman of the Department of Neurology-Neuroimmunology and Director of the Multiple Sclerosis Centre of Catalonia at the Vall d'Hebron University Hospital in Barcelona, where he is former director of the Department of Neuroscience, and is also the chief of the Neuroimmunology Research Group at the Vall d'Hebron Research Institute. He is Professor of Neurology at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. Dr. Montalban received his medical license, trained as a Neurology specialist and completed his PhD in Neuroimmunology during the 1980s at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. He went on to undertake a postdoctoral fellowship at the Lupus Research Institute, Guy's & St.Thomas' Hospital plus additional clinical training at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square in London, United Kingdom.

Professor Montalban is Vice-president of Fundació Esclerosi Múltiple (MS Foundation), President of the Executive Committee of the European Committee for the Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis (ECTRIMS), and Vice-president for Institutional Relations of the Spanish Neurological Society (SEN). He is a member of the US National Multiple Sclerosis Society Clinical Trials Committee and chairs the Medical & Scientific Board of the Multiple Sclerosis International Federation (MSIF), the Board of the European Charcot Foundation, and is a member of the European Magnetic Resonance Research Group, MAGNIMS.

In the past twenty years, Prof. Montalban has been in the inception phases and on steering committees of many clinical trials related to multiple sclerosis. He has authored over 200 original and revision publications in international peer-reviewed journals as well as several book chapters. Recently, he has directed the development of the first Spanish (second worldwide) Multiple Sclerosis Clinical Practice Guidelines. He is the Director of the Neuroimmunology section of *Revista de Neurología*, and an editorial board member for several specialist neurology-related journals as well as Co-editor and Editor of the Clinical Cases Section of the *Multiple Sclerosis Journal*.

In 2012 Prof. Montalban saw the culmination of over twenty years of constant strive to make MS management in Spain truly a continuous care process through the MS Centre of Catalonia: a newly built, 2000sq meter building for diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, research and teaching. The center is powered by 60+ health care, research and other professionals. Together they cater for the needs of over 5,000 persons with MS and their families.

His research interests include clinical trials, clinical aspects of MS, MR imaging and biological prognostic factors of disease evolution and treatment response, immunological mechanisms of the disease and other aspects of clinical management of MS.