

## **BRIEF BIOGRAPHY**

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Specialist in Internal Medicine from Universidad de Valparaiso, Chile. Obtained his PhD in Medicine and the Magister in Clinical Nutrition from Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.

He worked at the Lipid Clinic, Internal Medicine Department at Fundación Jiménez Díaz, Madrid, Spain from 1997 until June 2014. His current position is Head of the Department of Nutrition and responsible for the Familial Hypercholesterolemia Program at Clínica Las Condes, Santiago de Chile. Also, he collaborates with the Spanish Familial Hypercholesterolemia Foundation, and is member of its Scientific Committee. Member of the board and Treasurer of the Association of the Iberoamerican Familial Hypercholesterolemia Network, and recently elected member at large in the International Atherosclerosis Society. Participated in the design and development of the Spanish Follow-up Study of Families with Familial Hypercholesterolemia (SAFEHEART). He has collaborated in the development and implementation of the Familial Hypercholesterolemia Detection Program in the regions of Castilla y León and Madrid.

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