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He obtained his graduation in Medical Sciences at the University of Antwerp (Belgium) and his graduation as an Anesthesiologist at the University of Antwerp and the Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium). He specialized in pain management in Leuven (B) and Nijmegen (NL), with Prof. Dr. H. Adriaensen, Prof. Dr. H. van Aken, Prof. Dr. L. Booij and Prof. Dr. B. Crul. As of 1995 he was staff member of the University affiliated Hospital East-Limburg, Genk, Belgium where he founded the Multidisciplinary Pain Center. He was visiting consultant for the palliative care unit and hospital team. He was responsible consultant for the home care organization in Palliative Care "Pallium".

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Since 2005, he is Professor in Pain and Palliative Medicine. He is ex officio board member of the Benelux Chapter of the World Institute of Pain and the first chairman of the Dutch Society of Multidisciplinary Palliative Care Professionals¹, chapter of the European Association of Palliative Care (EAPC) and board member of the Dutch Pain Society, chapter of the IASP. He is Past president of the World Institute of Pain.

His main research interests are (1) translational approach and research on neuropathic pain, (2) practical and ethical application of palliative sedation, (3) proactive care and identification of patients in a palliative trajectory, (4) quality indicators of the organization and practice of pain and palliative medicine, (5) e-health and telemedicine in transmural care programs (6) decision making in palliative care and end-of-life and (7) the description of competences and performances for the education and training in pain and palliative medicine.

He succeeded in getting external funding resources for major research projects in pain and palliative care (Europall, 7th framework, ZonMw, NWO, KWF).

He is author of more than 160 publications in international peer reviewed journals and contributed to more than 20 textbooks. He contributes to local and national education with regular articles in Belgian and Dutch journals for physicians and for the lay public. He is frequently asked as speaker during national and international congresses and teaching courses. He is promotor of 26 PhD students in his topics of interest. He organized 7 international congresses and workshops. He was member of several scientific committees of congresses.