

Biography of Pierre-Michel LLORCA M.D, PhD



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He is the Past President of the Ethics Committee of Auvergne and serves on various national committees. He is member of the French Society for Biological Psychiatry and Neuropsychopharmacology, of the European Psychiatric Association and of the World Federation for Biological Psychiatry. He is the coordinator of the French Network of Schizophrenia, Bipolar, Asperger and Resistant Depression Expert Centers and member of the executive committee of the French Foundation for Mental Health "FondaMental".

Pr Llorca attended medical school at the University Medical Center in Clermont-Ferrand. He did his residency training in psychiatry at the University Medical Center in Marseilles and a fellowship in Neuro-psychopharmacology at the Robert-Giffard Hospital in Quebec, Canada. He obtained a PhD in Pharmacology at the University of Auvergne.

His research interests include pharmacodynamic and pharmacokinetic approaches of psychotropics - and more specifically antipsychotics and antidepressants -, determinants of adherence to treatment (e.g. attitudes and beliefs related to treatment). He is the Principal Investigator of the PsyCoh Schizophrenia Project. He published more than 320 articles in peer-review journals.

He is co-director of the research unit EA 7280 (NPsy-Sydo) of the University Clermont Auvergne which main topic is the study of Dopaminergic system in Addiction and Parkinsonism. He is the coordinator of the Research Axis for Neuroscience of Clermont University Hospital.