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Doctor Olivier Rascol is Professor of Clinical Pharmacology in Toulouse University Hospital since 1993. He obtained his MD in Neurology (Toulouse, 1985) and his PhD in Neurosciences (Paris, 1992). Dr Rascol has been running the Toulouse Clinical Research Centre since 1994 and the Toulouse European Space Clinic since 1998. He also runs a Research Group on Motricity in the Research Unit INSERM U825 and is the coordinator of the French Reference Center for Multiple System Atrophy (Atypical Parkinsonism).

As a neuropharmacologist, Dr Rascol's main fields of interest are Parkinson's disease and movement disorders, drug development for Parkinson's disease and functional neuroimaging. Dr Rascol is currently running several research programs for disease progression and symptomatic management of PD (motor signs, dyskinesias and on-off problems, non-motor signs such as pain and sleep problems) with new dopaminergic (dopamine agonists, dopamine reuptake inhibitors, MAO-B inhibitors...) and non-dopaminergic (serotonergic, glutamatergic, alpha-adrenergic...) drugs in collaboration with several academic and industry research centres in the US and in Europe. He is acting in this field as an external advisor for French and European scientific organisations, patients' associations, drug agencies and international pharmaceutical companies. He is on the board of the Evidence-Based Medicine MDS Task Force in charge of the continuous assessment of all antiparkinsonian treatments. He is involved in the process of editing French (HAS) and European (EFNS / MDS-ES) guidelines for the treatment of Parkinson's disease.

Dr Rascol is a member of several French and American neurological and pharmacological societies. He is the Secretary of the Movement Disorders Society and a member of the WFN Research Committee on Parkinsonism and Related Disorders. Dr Rascol is working as associate-editor for the journal *Fundamental and Clinical Pharmacology* and is a member of the editorial board of *Lancet Neurology*, *Neurology*, the *European Journal of Neurology* and of the *Journal of Neural Transmission*.

Dr Rascol has published more than 250 articles in International Scientific journals (*New England Journal of Medicine*, *Lancet*, *Annals of Neurology*, *Neurology*, *Archives of Neurology*, *Brain*, *Movement Disorders*...). He has also been invited to give more than 200 lectures in various European, North and South American and Asian universities or national and international meetings.