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He acts on behalf of the Family Physicians Valencia Association as a counselor in the Valencia Advisory Immunizations Committee. He is a member of the Primary Health Care Ethics Research Committee of Valencia and acts as a consultant in advisory boards for pharmaceutical companies.

He has conducted systematic reviews (influenza and pneumococcal vaccine), observational studies on pandemic, non-adjuvated and adjuvated influenza vaccine effectiveness, hepatitis A, and a large population based study on pertussis incidence in adults. He also has participated as principal investigator in various phase II and III clinical trials (Meningo B, Herpes Simplex, Human papilloma virus, Hepatitis B and Zoster vaccines).

Currently, he is Principal Investigator and coordinator of the Valencia Hospital Network for the Study of Influenza and other Respiratory Viruses (VAHNSI) and Principal Investigator and coordinator of the Global Influenza Hospital Surveillance Network (GIHSN) which involves 25 hospitals in Spain, Russia, Turkey, Czech Republic, China and Brazil.