



**Prof. Erik Ch. Wolters, MD, PhD**

Prof. Erik Ch. Wolters is a neurologist, certified by the Dutch as well as Swiss Association of Neurology, who served initially (since 1978) at the University of Amsterdam (AMC) and later (from 1984) at the VU University Medical Centre in Amsterdam (The Netherlands). In 1986 he worked during a year at the Dept. of Neurology at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver (Canada) where he got a special training in basic neuroscience. Subsequently, he was directing a clinic for Movement Disorders at the VU-UMC where he was appointed full professor in 2000. Since his retirement in 2010, he acts as a visiting professor for the Department of Neurology of the University of Zurich (Switzerland), and joined Amarna Therapeutics in Leiden (The Netherlands) where he plunged into stem cell research and genetic engineering. In 2013 he co-founded Neuroplast in Maastricht (The Netherlands) in order to develop new therapeutic cell-based strategies for neurodegenerative disorders, in close cooperation with the University of Maastricht.

Prof. Wolters wrote about 300 peer reviewed medical articles, mainly dealing with neurodegenerative disorders, as well as many book chapters, and various textbooks on Neurology and Movement Disorders.

In 2007 and again in 2011, Dr. Wolters was elected as president of the Research Group of the World Federation of Neurology on Parkinsonism and Related Disorders (the actual International Association of Parkinsonism and Related Disorders). In 2015 he was awarded with the honorary membership of this Association and joined the board as past-president. He is also honorary member of the European Society of Clinical Neuropharmacology (ESCPN), the Pakistan Society of Neurology and the Dutch Parkinson's Disease Association, and senior member of the American Neurological Association. Dr. Wolters received various international awards, among them the gold medal of the Italian Society of Neurology (1982), the Charles E. Smith Award (2008), the Hans Lakke Award (2010) and the Senator Burda Award (2011). In 2019, in Montreal, he received the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award from the IAPRD.