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F. Xavier Pi-Sunyer, MD, MPH is Professor of Medicine at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and Professor of Applied Physiology at Columbia Teachers College, both in New York City. At St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center he serves as Chief of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Nutrition, and is Director of the New York Obesity Research Center. Dr. Pi-Sunyer is also a Senior Attending Physician at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital and New York-Presbyterian Hospital.

After receiving his BA in 1955 from Oberlin College, Dr. Pi-Sunyer went on to complete his MD from Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons. In 1963, he was granted his MPH from Harvard University School of Public Health.

He recently chaired the committee of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute that researched and defined the federal government's new guidelines for the prevention and treatment of obesity. He has served as president of the American Diabetes Association, the American Society for Clinical Nutrition, and the North American Association for the Study of Obesity. He has been a Fellow of the Fogarty International Center of the National Institutes of Health, a member of the Institute of Medicine's Task Forces on Medical Nutrition Therapy and on Dietary Reference Intakes on Macronutrients. He served on the 2005 U.S. Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee. He is currently a member of the FDA Science Board Advisory Committee.

Dr. Pi-Sunyer is a distinguished member of many national medical and academic societies. He has dedicated over 25 years of service to the American Diabetes Association, serving as President (1992-1993) and chairing numerous committees at the national, regional, and local levels. In 1993 he was awarded the Banting Medal for Service from the Association. He has also served in numerous committees for the American Heart Association, as a member of the Council and Executive Committee of the Council on Nutrition and Physical Activity, and as chair of the Obesity Committee.

A native of Barcelona, Spain, Dr. Pi-Sunyer's distinguished career has taken him beyond the borders of the United States, beginning with his postdoctoral training in England and Nigeria with fellowships in the areas of endocrinology and clinical nutrition. As a Fellow, invited speaker, Visiting Professor and participant in numerous boards and task forces Dr. Pi-Sunyer is recognized as an international authority in the field.

He has received the Stunkard Prize for Research from the North American Association for the Study of Obesity and has been made Doctor Honoris Causa from the University of Barcelona. He has made a Fellow of numerous international academic societies.

A prolific writer, Dr. Pi-Sunyer has written 300 articles for international peer-reviewed journals and the lay press and has contributed chapters to over 100 medical texts. Since 1994, he has served as the Associate Editor for the International Journal of Obesity and from 1995 and 2000 served as editor of Obesity Research. He also is a Journal Referee for 20 other professional journals.

His research focus is primarily on carbohydrate and lipid metabolism, obesity and diabetes.