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Laurent Castera (MD, PhD) graduated from Paris Medical School in 1987 and completed his residency in Hepatology and Gastroenterology in Assistance Publique-Hôpitaux de Paris in 1993, receiving his Medical degree from the University of Paris-VI.

From 1993 – 1997, Dr. Castera completed additional training in Hepatology, while serving as Assistant Professor in the department of Hepatology and Gastroenterology at the University of Paris-XI (Hôpital Bicêtre). He subsequently spent three years as a research fellow at INSERM Unit 99 in the laboratory of Prof. Jean-Michel Pawlotsky (Hôpital Henri Mondor, Créteil), where he applied a quasispecies approach to study hepatitis strains that are resistant to antiviral therapy.

Dr. Castera, who earned his PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from the University of Paris-XII in 2007, was appointed Médecin des Hôpitaux in 2001 and worked in the department of Hepatology and Gastroenterology of the University Hospital of Bordeaux, where he initiated clinical research on novel approaches for the non-invasive evaluation of liver fibrosis, using transient elastography to measure liver stiffness.

In 2011, he joined the department of Hepatology at the University of Paris-VII (Hôpital Beaujon, Clichy) to take the lead of the non-invasive methods and HCC group. The same year he organised with Prof. Massimo Pinzani the EASL Monothematic Conference on Evaluation of Disease Severity and Prognosis in Chronic Liver Disease.

Dr Castera is member of the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease (AASLD) and of the French Association for the Study of the Liver (AFEF). He serves on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Hepatology and Gut* and has been a member of the Scientific Committee of United European Gastroenterology (UEG) since 2011. He became member of the EASL Governing Board in April 2012.