BART C. J. M. FAUSER



Bart C. J. M. Fauser **is a Dutch reproductive endocrinologist and Professor Emeritus at Utrecht University, internationally renowned for defining diagnostic criteria for polycystic ovary syndrome and for advancing safer, milder approaches to fertility treatment worldwide.**

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Fauser completed his medical training at Nijmegen in 1979, earned his PhD in 1985 and finished his residency in obstetrics and gynaecology in 1986. A Fulbright fellowship at the University of California, San Diego, under Aaron Hsueh sparked his fascination with the biology of ovarian function. He became Professor of Reproductive Endocrinology at Erasmus University Medical Center in 1997 and, in 2004, moved to University Medical Center Utrecht, where he chaired the Division of Woman & Baby before becoming emeritus in 2018.

His research has spanned polycystic ovary syndrome, premature ovarian failure, ovarian stimulation and mild approaches to IVF. He convened the 2003 Rotterdam consensus meeting that produced the now globally used diagnostic criteria for polycystic ovary syndrome; the paper, published simultaneously in two journals, has been cited around 5,000 times in each. His group also showed that anti-Müllerian hormone declines with age, paving the way for its use as an ovarian reserve marker, and a 2007 Lancet trial on which he was senior author showed mild stimulation with single embryo transfer rivals conventional IVF with far fewer multiple pregnancies.

More recently, he has turned to the long-term health of women with the syndrome, the outcomes of their children, and its genetic basis. Fauser has authored over 500 papers, was ranked the most cited author in clinical reproductive medicine for 2003–2012, and edited Human Reproduction Update (2000–2006) and Reproductive BioMedicine Online (2015–2022). He chaired the World Health Organization's steering committee on infertility guidelines and now serves as Scientific Director of the International Federation of Fertility Societies.

His honours include Knight in the Order of the Netherlands Lion (2017), international membership of the US National Academy of Medicine, honorary membership of ESHRE, and election to Academia Europaea in 2023. He has also delivered over 450 invited lectures internationally.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2024 Stanford/Elsevier global top scientist list. Top 2% overall and ranked number 1 in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.
2023 Elected Member of Academia Europaea (Basic and Clinical Translational Sciences section).
2019 Honorary Member of the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE).
2019 International Member of the US National Academy of Medicine
2017 Knight in the Order of the Netherlands Lion.
2016 Fellow ad eundem of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (FRCOG), UK.
2013 Robert Edwards Annual COGI Lecture, Vienna, Austria.
2012 Dexeus Clinical Scientist Award, Barcelona, Spain.
2011 IVI Clinical Science Award, Valencia, Spain.
2009 Frederick Naftolin Award for mentorship, Society for Gynecologic Investigation (Glasgow).
2008 Honorary Membership, Middle East Fertility Society (MEFS).
2004 Arnaldo Bruno International Award for Research in Gynecology, Accademia dei Lincei (Rome).