

# Xavier Castells

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Xavier **Castells**, MD and PhD, is Professor of the Public Health Department at the UAB (University Autònoma of Barcelona). The large part of his professional career has been dedicated to Cancer Screening. As Chief of the Epidemiology Department of the Hospital del Mar Medical Research Institute (IMIM) has been coordinating the Breast and Colon Cancer Screening Program of some areas in Barcelona. He has been Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Cancer Screening, of the Catalan Government, since 2006. This Committee proposes the new guidelines and assessments for cancer screening programs in Catalonia.

He has published several papers in the field of breast cancer screening as a result of their participation in different research projects. These projects have been focused on analysing the balance between benefit and harms of cancer screening, more specifically, about the evaluation of false positives. Currently he is leading research projects to assess the association between a previous benign lesions and cancer detection in a cohort of women from a population based breast cancer screening program.