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Jean-Francois Dufour studied mathematics at the University of Geneva, Switzerland, and received his medical degree from the Geneva Medical School. After training in internal medicine at the University Hospital Geneva and the University Hospital Bern, he joined the laboratory of Professor I. Arias at Tufts University in Boston, Massachusetts, USA where he studied the effects of calcium signalling on bile canaliculus. He then returned to the clinic to complete a gastroenterology fellowship with Professor M. Kaplan at the New England Medical Center, also at Tufts University. In 1997, Professor Dufour established his own laboratory at the University of Bern where he is currently Clinic Director and Full Professor of Hepatology. Professor Dufour is a member of the AASLD, the AGA, the ACG, EASL, the Swiss Association for the Study of the Liver, and the Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Gastroenterologie und Hepatologie. He is a founding member of the International Liver Cancer Association. He was twice member of the Governing Board of EASL as a Scientific Committee Member and then as Educational Councillor. He was also a member of the UEG Educational Committee. Professor Dufour has a broad understanding of basic, translational and clinical research, its bottlenecks and the challenges in disseminating and exploiting knowledge. Professor Dufour has served as the principal investigator on multiple clinical studies, focusing on NASH and HCC. His laboratory explores the link between fatty liver, physical activity and liver cancer. He is Associate Editor of *Hepatology and Clinical Sciences*, and was an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Hepatology and Liver International*. Professor Dufour has published more than 150 peer-reviewed publications.