

## Francisco Xavier Castellanos

**F. Xavier Castellanos, M.D.**, is currently the Director of Research at the NYU Child Study Center. His work aims at elucidating the neuroscience of [ADHD](#) through structural and functional [brain imaging](#) studies, collaborating on molecular [genetic](#) studies, and coordinating an interdisciplinary network of translational investigators (the ADHD Neuroscience Network). Dr. Castellanos chaired the [NIH](#) 'Initial Review Group' (Study Section) on Developmental Psychopathology and Developmental Disabilities from 2005–2007 and is chairing the revision of the diagnostic criteria for externalizing disorders for the forthcoming edition of [DSM-V](#), projected for 2012. He continues to make significant contributions to research into the [neurobiological](#) substrates of [Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder](#).

Francisco Xavier Castellanos was born in [Madrid, Spain](#) on November 16, 1953 to Bolivian parents. When he was four, he, his mother and his two siblings returned to [Bolivia](#) where they lived until he was nine, when the family moved to Washington, D.C. and a year later, to [New Orleans, Louisiana](#). An avid reader, especially intrigued with science and math, he attended Catholic schools in New Orleans and later received a scholarship to [Vassar College](#) where he became fascinated with the work of Noam Chomsky. At Vassar, he established an independent major in [linguistics](#) and graduated with honors in 1975.

After graduation, working as a professional translator in New Orleans, during which time he translated [Jean Piaget's](#) Epistemology and Psychology of Functions: Studies in Genetic Epistemology from French to English, Dr. Castellanos began work on a master's degree in experimental psychology at The [University of New Orleans](#) where he became fascinated by the discovery of endorphins. Following this interest, he applied to and was accepted at The [Louisiana State University Medical College at Shreveport](#). After winning several awards, including the prestigious Chancellor's Award for Overall Excellence and induction into AOA, the national medical honor society, he graduated in 1986 and continued his medical training at The [University of Kentucky](#), where he was one of the first graduates of the "Triple Board" program in psychiatry, pediatrics and child psychiatry. During his residency, he won the Abraham Wikler, M.D. Award for Outstanding Psychiatry Resident and was awarded a mini-fellowship in the [American Psychiatric Association's](#) Program for Minority Research Training in Psychiatry.

In 1991, Dr. Castellanos became a Research Fellow in the Child Psychiatry Branch of the [National Institute of Mental Health](#), where he worked under the supervision of Dr. Judith Rapoport. As a senior staff fellow, he was the head of the ADHD Research Unit and received an award for Excellence in Clinical Care and Research from the National Institute of Mental Health. During this time he also became a fellow in the American Academy of Pediatrics.

In 2001, he left the NIMH to assume the position of Director of Research Training at the [New York University Child Study Center](#).

Dr. Castellanos is the Brooke and Daniel Neidich Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the New York University School of Medicine. He is also the Director of Research at the NYU Child Study Center and the Director of the Phyllis Green and Randolph Cōwen Institute for Pediatric Neuroscience. He is board certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in general psychiatry.

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## Joseph Biederman

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**Joseph Biederman** is Chief of the Clinical and Research Programs in Pediatric Psychopharmacology and Adult ADHD at the [Massachusetts General Hospital](#), and Professor of Psychiatry at the [Harvard Medical School](#). Biederman is Board Certified in General and Child Psychiatry.

Biederman received the [American Psychiatric Association's](#) Blanche Ittelson Award for Excellence in Child Psychiatric Research, the [American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry's](#) Charlotte Norbert Rieger Award for Scientific Achievement. He has been inducted into the CHADD "Hall of Fame".<sup>[1]</sup>

In 2007, Biederman was ranked as the second highest producer of high-impact papers in psychiatry overall throughout the world with 235 papers cited a total of 7048 times over the past 10 years as determined by the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI).<sup>[2]</sup> The same organization ranked Biederman at #1 in terms of total citations to his papers published on ADD/ADHD in the past decade.<sup>[3]</sup>

Biederman was the recipient of the 1998 NAMI Exemplary Psychiatrist award. He was also selected by the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society Awards committee as the recipient of the 2007 Outstanding Psychiatrist Award for Research. In 2007, Biederman received the Excellence in Research Award from the New England Council of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. He was also awarded the Mentorship Award from the Department of Psychiatry at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

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