

Research

We stimulate knowledge and seek to spread

Dr. Bonaventura Clotet's history

Dr. Bonaventura Clotet. 58 years old. Barcelona
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The AIDS Research Institute, IrsiCaixa, directed by Dr. Bonaventura Clotet, is investigating the formula to fight HIV.

Today, patients have to follow a treatment for life. The treatment is very costly and the therapy also has certain undesirable effects, which is why all over the world people are hunting for the formula or therapy that will really wipe out the virus. The important research work being done has already given some very good results. IrsiCaixa's contribution is very important. It has enabled us to detect that the people who are in treatment, if they stop it, have the virus reappearing in two or three weeks. It is as if a great fire, the flames are put out, but some cinders are left and at any time these cinders can reactivate the fire, which is what happens when the therapy is stopped.

The "la Caixa" Foundation knew how to opt for biomedical research. It did so 15 years ago by opting for AIDS research.

We opt for scientific research.

The therapy will have to be intensified, that is to say we will have to add more drugs to those that are currently taken, probably together with vaccines to purge and thus eradicate the virus.