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Frank Porreca received his Ph.D. in Pharmacology from Temple University in 1982 and currently is Professor of Pharmacology and Anesthesiology, and Director of the Theme for Medical Neuroscience at the University of Arizona in Tucson. His laboratory studies mechanisms of chronic pain states including neuropathic, inflammatory and cancer pain and mechanisms of opioid-induced hyperalgesia. His studies have addressed neural plasticity in the peripheral and central nervous systems in chronic pain states, including the role of descending facilitation as a mechanism of chronic pain. He is Editor-in-Chief of Life Sciences and Pharmacology Section Editor for Pain and is the co-organizer of the Spring Pain Research Conference. He has trained many students and post-doctoral fellows and published more than 300 peer-reviewed papers as well as many chapters and other scientific writings. Among many awards and recognition, Professor Porreca was the recipient of the F.W. Kerr Award for studies in pain mechanisms from the American Pain Society.



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