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He graduated with a degree in Medicine from the Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, in 1986, and completed a PhD in 1993 at the same university. He was a postdoctoral ESMO Research Fellow in Medical Oncology at the Beatson Oncology Centre, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland (1993–1995), and completed a Master's degree in Clinical Pharmacology at the University of Glasgow in 1995. Luis Paz-Ares also completed a Master's degree in Clinical Unit Management at the UNED-Fundación Universidad Empresa (2002–2003).

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Luis Paz-Ares's research focuses on lung cancer and new therapeutic strategies development, both at the lab and clinical sides, and has published more than 240 papers in peer reviewed journals, as well as many book chapters, including New England Journal of Medicine, Lancet, Lancet Oncology, Journal of Clinical Oncology and many others..

He is an active member of various scientific societies (including ASCO, ESMO, IASLC and other) and collaborative groups (European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer [EORTC], the Spanish Lung Cancer Group and the International Germ Cell Cancer Collaborative Group).