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He studied at the Catholic University of Louvain.

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He became Full Professor and Head of the Department Gynaecology and Andrology in 1986.

He also founded the Infertility Research Unit of the Catholic University of Louvain in 1986.

He has focused his research activities on three main topics: tubal infertility, endometriosis and finally, ovarian cryopreservation and transplantation.

He published over 600 original articles in peer-review journals.

Prof. Donnez was the first President of the recently created International Society for Fertility Preservation (until end of 2010) and has been elected in February 2009 at the Royal Belgian Academy of Medicine.