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Prof Jan De Maeseneer, Ghent University Throughout his career, Professor Jan De Maeseneer has demonstrated leadership in health as a Family Physician, working for 40 years in one of the first Interprofessional Community Health Centres in Belgium (1978-2017). In addition to other functions, he led a fundamental curriculum reform towards an integrated Community Oriented Contextual Undergraduate Medical Curriculum at Ghent University (1997-2016). He has been actively involved in developing an integrated, needs-based capitation system for financing Primary Health Care (PHC) in Belgium, taking the lead in strengthening inter-professional cooperation as well as integrating public health, primary care, health and social care in practice and education. He strongly inspired the paradigm-shift in chronic care from disease-oriented towards goal-oriented care. He also contributed to equity in health internationally, as a member of the WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health (2006-2008) and as a change agent to develop and strengthen PHC in Europe, Asia, Latin America and Africa. He chairs the Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in Health, advising the European Commission on health topics.