

Afonso Miguel Cavaco, PhD

Afonso Miguel Cavaco was born in March 1966 and has one son. He graduated from the University of Lisbon (Portugal) as a pharmacist in 1990, obtained an MSc degree in Community Pharmacy from the same University in 2002, and a PhD degree in Pharmacy Practice and Policy from the University of London (UK) in 2006.

In 2007, he was a post-doctoral Fulbright Fellow at Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health (USA), working with Prof. Debra Roter in Health Communication. Afonso holds presently an Associate Professor position at the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Lisbon. He is responsible for undergraduate social pharmacy teaching as well as post-graduate courses (MSc and Doctoral Programs), lecturing Public Health, Health Communication and Pharmacy Management. Afonso's teaching experience comprises also one year of fulltime work at the University of Oslo (Norway), while presently he holds a visitant professorship (Docent) at the University of Helsinki (Finland). Other relevant experience comprises a TUBITAK funded research project at Hacettepe University (Turkey), expert consultancy at the Council of Europe EDQM (European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and Health Care) in Strasburg (France), scientific management as Principal Investigator in a national competitive funded research project, and worked as the Portuguese deputy in the steering committee of EACH (European Association for Communication in Healthcare). He is one of the few pharmacists actively involved with teaching and research communication skills in Portugal, both for undergraduates at the university level and professionals through continuous education programs promoted by the Portuguese Pharmaceutical Society.

Afonso has more than 40 original full-papers published in indexed scientific journals with impact factor and, amongst other work, he has been the supervisor of Master and PhD students, nationally and internationally, as well as the invited opponent in pharmacy and nursing PhD thesis juries. He works as a reviewer for 17 biomedical journals and he is on the editorial board of the international journal *Res Social Adm Pharm*. Afonso was also the chairman of the 16th International Social Pharmacy Workshop (2010), being on the scientific committees since then.

In 2009, he was awarded with an Astra-Zeneca research grant for health communication research. Presently his main research interests are on customer-provider interaction studies (including non-verbal communication), health information research and patient safety. In this sense, he has been invited to lecture on health communication and qualitative research at several Brazilian public Universities.