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Norberto Luiz Cabral was born in 1963 in São Francisco do Sul City, Santa Catarina State, Brazil. He graduated in Medicine from Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Florianópolis City, in 1988, where he also did his Internal Medicine Medical Residence during 1989 and 1990. His training in Neurology occurred between 1991 and 1993 at Universidade Federal do Paraná, Neurology Residence Program, Curitiba City, Paraná State. In there, he acquired his Master's Degree in Internal Medicine in 2003, with the dissertation "Study comparing the stroke unit outcome and conventional ward treatment: a randomized study in Joinville, Brazil"¹. In 2008, he acquired his PhD Degree, at Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo City, with the thesis "Evaluation of impact, mortality and lethality for cerebrovascular disease in Joinville, Brazil: comparison between 1995 and the period 2005-6 (JOINVASC Project)"^{2,3}. In 2011, he made a post-doctoral fellowship at University of Edinburgh, UK.

Always restless and inquisitor, Cabral, as he was called, published 52 articles and six book chapters on stroke and related problems. Fifteen articles were published by Archives of Neuro Neuropsychiatry^{1,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12}, including his publication debut, as many Brazilian researchers, in 1997¹³. In 2008 he received from the Brazilian Academy of Neurology the Award of Best Thesis of the Year, and in 2011 he received an International Scholarship by the British Association and the Brazilian Academy of Neurology.

JOINVASC was his most cherished project. Cabral and other neurologists developed a comprehensive project on Stroke Care in Joinville City, Santa Catarina State, including high-quality assistance, research and teaching. He also involved the community and the local government in prevention with



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public education motivational campaigns^{14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25}. His Stroke Unit was one of the first ones in Brazil.

Cabral was a full professor of Neurology at Universidade de Joinville, acting on graduation and post-graduation

programs and becoming an inspiring figure for local students. Cabral died in a car accident in September 27th, 2019, aged 56. Cabral will be missed by his family, friends, students, residents, and particularly by his patients.

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