

Professor Jan Hartvigsen

Chiropractor (1989). PhD epidemiology (2001). Full Professor and Head of Research, Clinical Biomechanics and Musculoskeletal Research (2007) and Center for Muscle and Joint Health, Department of Sports Science and Clinical Biomechanics, University of Southern Denmark (2016). Senior Researcher Chiropractic Knowledge Hub (2002). Knight of the Order of Dannebrog appointed by Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark (2020).

Jan Hartvigsen is an internationally leading researcher and research leader in musculoskeletal health. His focus is on improving care for people with musculoskeletal pain and disability and he takes pride in breaking down barriers between disciplines and bringing together people from diverse backgrounds in productive collaborations. His primary research focus is clinical studies of musculoskeletal pain and disability increasingly with a focus on how to implement evidence-based care in clinical settings and health systems.

Professor Hartvigsen has been a member of many national and international committees. He has worked as scientific consultant for the World Health Organization (WHO), and he was member of the WHO Guideline Development Group for Primary Chronic Low Back Pain published in 2023. He was deputy-chair of the landmark Lancet Low Back Pain Series that was published in The Lancet in 2018. He has also been member of Danish National Clinical Guideline committees under the Danish Health Authority for the treatment of cervical radiculopathy, lumbar radiculopathy, shoulder pain, back pain and persistent symptoms after concussion. He is member of the Executive Committee for the International Forum for Back and Neck Pain research in Primary Care and the Scientific Committee for the World Congress for Low Back and Pelvic Pain. Jan Hartvigsen is a collaborator for the Global Burden of Disease Study.

Professor Hartvigsen has authored more than 350 international peer-reviewed publications including 64 systematic reviews or invited reviews in international journals, 41 editorials or commentaries. He has published papers in a range of leading international journals including The Lancet and British Medical Journal. He has authored or co-authored 15 book chapters and reports. His h-index is 53/68 (Scopus/Google Scholar, January 2025) and his papers have been cited more than 25,000 times. Jan Hartvigsen has given more than 250 keynote or invited presentations at multidisciplinary conferences in the fields of chiropractic, physiotherapy, back pain, rehabilitation, and orthopaedics. He has appeared in over 200 interviews including multiple appearances on national and international TV news, national radio news and radio programs, newspapers, podcasts and internet media.

Jan Hartvigsen has supervised 22 PhD students to completion as main- or co-supervisor.

Jan Hartvigsen was rated as the world's number one expert in "Musculoskeletal Pain" (2016) and in "chiropractic" (2019) by Expertscape.com. In 2021 he was pronounced "World Expert" in Back pain because he had been ranked in the top 0.1% 10 years in a row. In 2017 he was awarded the "Researcher of the Year" award by the American Chiropractic Association and the "David Chapmann-Smith Honorary Award" by the World Federation of Chiropractic. In 2018 he was awarded the European Chiropractors' Union Honorary Award.