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He obtained his medical degree from the Escola de Ciências Médicas de Alagoas, in Maceio, Brazil, and his doctorate from the Federal University of Minas Gerais, where he also completed his residency. Subsequently, Dr. Cardoso undertook a clinical fellowship in movement disorders at the Parkinson's Disease Center and Movement Disorders Clinic at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas.

Dr. Cardoso is a member of the editorial board of several neurology journals and a reviewer for an even larger number. He is an acknowledged leader in the field of movement disorders and lectures extensively in the field.

Dr. Cardoso has been active in research that culminated in the discovery of the gene *DYT16*, which is responsible for a form of autosomal dystonia-parkinsonism and has also performed outstanding research into Sydenham's chorea.

Dr. Cardoso is currently Chair of the Pan American Section of the Movement Disorders Society.