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Robert J. Moots is Professor of Rheumatology, Head of the Division of Inflammation at the School of Clinical Sciences at the University of Liverpool, Director of the University of Liverpool Academic Rheumatology Unit, and Consultant Rheumatologist at University Hospital, Aintree.

After qualifying in medicine in London, UK, Professor Moots subsequently trained in immunology at the University of Oxford, where he earned his PhD. He continued his research on T-cell immunology in autoimmune diseases at Harvard Medical School, USA. Upon completing the Fellowship, he returned to the UK in 1997 and, in 2002, became the first Professor of Rheumatology in Liverpool; the youngest appointment to a full Professorial post of Rheumatology in the UK.

Professor Moots' research interests lie in clinical and basic science aspects of inflammatory rheumatic diseases, with a particular interest in innate cellular immunity in rheumatoid arthritis and systemic sclerosis, the immunotherapy of rheumatic diseases, and the development of new therapeutic targets. He runs one of the largest biologics clinics in the UK, has published extensively in both clinical and laboratory science, won national and international prizes for research, is active in various medical and scientific societies and committees, and receives numerous invitations to speak at venues throughout the world. Professor Moots has been selected to become Editor of the journal *Rheumatology* in 2009.