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Qualified in medicine at University College and University College Hospital London, where he also obtained a degree in biochemistry. After postgraduate general medical training did research on the clinical pharmacology of neurological drugs, especially in Parkinson's disease and narcolepsy. In the Department of Clinical Pharmacology in Oxford in the early 1980s was trained in cellular and biochemical aspects of pharmacology, relating to drugs acting on the central nervous system and also on the platelet. Subsequent work in the Clinical Pharmacology Department headed by Professor Peter Sever at St Mary's Hospital Medical School in London (now part of Imperial College School of Medicine) combined cellular and clinical pharmacological studies, predominantly in the cardiovascular system and particularly concerned with hypertension and atherosclerosis, with vascular smooth muscle cell biology as a common theme. British Heart Foundation Senior Research Fellow from 1989 to 1994, and subsequently Senior lecturer (associate professor) in the department, as well as an honorary consultant physician at St Mary's Hospital. Also extensively involved in undergraduate and postgraduate teaching in clinical pharmacology and in the development of new curricula in the Medical School where he is the head of one of the years. Has published extensively on the subjects mentioned, both original research and reviews. Author, contributor and editor of several books on cardiovascular pharmacology, general therapeutics and adverse effects of drugs and editorial involvement in several journals.