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### **Resumé**

John qualified in pharmacology and medicine in King's College London and King's College Hospital and completed a 5-year residency in Internal Medicine in Beer Sheva, Israel. He entered the pharmaceutical industry in 1982 and served as Head of Clinical Pharmacology for The Wellcome Foundation from 1986 to 1995 and subsequently as a Director of Clinical Pharmacology at GlaxoWellcome. He continued to practise medicine and teach students on a part time basis as Honorary Senior Lecturer in Medicine at King's.

Since 1999 John has been an independent consultant in pharmaceutical medicine. His work has been wide-ranging but primarily in three areas: a) exploratory development with strategic planning, design, conduct and reporting of studies of novel compounds from 'First-in-Human' to Proof of Concept, b) preparation of clinical documents for regulatory submissions world-wide and c) education, with extensive lecturing commitments and running training courses for pharmaceutical physicians and scientists. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Examiners of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine and has established a Diploma and Certificate in Human Pharmacology for the Faculty. Courses for these qualifications have been recognised as modules for MSc programmes at King's College, London. John is an Executive Editor of the British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology.

### **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT**

#### **1999 – present Independent Consultant in Pharmaceutical Medicine**

Have worked with the largest multi-national, and small pharmaceutical and biotech companies on a wide variety of projects. These include:

- defining target product profiles, devising drug development strategies and conducting portfolio analysis;
- devising and executing early development plans for new molecular entities including designing and overseeing conduct of first in human, pharmacokinetic and proof of concept Phase I and II studies;
- serving on and chairing data monitoring committees for Phase I - IV clinical trials.
- preparing clinical overviews, summaries and briefing documents for regulatory submissions in Europe, USA, Canada and Australia, handling responses to questions, preparing and making presentations to the regulatory authorities;
- conducting due diligence and advising on in-licensing and co-development opportunities;
- designing and running training courses for physicians and scientists;
- providing pharmacovigilance services;
- providing consultancy on organisational change and process improvement;
- serving as an expert witness to the court;
- serving on and chairing governance committees of contract research organisations

#### **2007 - present Director of Diploma and Certificate in Human Pharmacology for Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine**

The Diploma is a 2-year programme for physicians training to serve as principal investigators. The Certificate is a 1-year programme for physicians and scientists with an interest in Phase I/II studies.

#### **2008 - present Visiting Professor, King's College London, School of Biomedical and Health Sciences**

Devised and currently responsible for delivery of four modules in Clinical Pharmacology,

Drug Development Science and Translational Medicine postgraduate programmes and lecture on Clinical Pharmacology module for Pharmaceutical Medicine Specialty Training and on Intercalated BSc Clinical Pharmacology programme.

### **CURRENT TEACHING COMMITMENTS**

Postgraduate programmes at King's College, London (see above)

MSc in Pharmaceutical Medicine, University of Surrey

MSc in Oncology (University of Birmingham)

Training course for Diploma in Pharmaceutical Medicine

Management Forum – lectures/workshops on drug interactions, biomarkers and surrogates, Clin Pharm.

European Course in Pharmaceutical Medicine (Basel) – Faculty member lecturing on various modules.

Courses in Drug Development and Clinical Trials for pharmaceutical companies including training programme for transplant surgeons and physicians.

### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

**1996-1999 Medical Director and subsequently Chief Executive Officer of BIOS (Consultancy & Contract Research) Ltd**

Responsible for medical affairs and provision of consultancy services to clients in all aspects of clinical drug development and registration. Responsible for direction and management of Divisions of Clinical Pharmacology, Medical Writing, Clinical Research, Statistics & Data Management and Regulatory Affairs, approx. 90 staff including Finance, Business Development and IT. Established a 26 bed Clinical Pharmacology Unit at North Hampshire Hospital.

**1995-1996 International Director of Clinical Study Units, GlaxoWellcome plc**

Responsible for running a 24-bed Clinical Pharmacology Unit at Northwick Park Hospital and placement of all studies both in-house and outsourced. Managed some 20 CPU staff and 25 clinical research scientists in the USA and UK. Contributed to design of studies and methodologies in the early evaluation of compounds and for the later regulatory package. Served as advisor and administrator to the Research Ethics Committee. Instrumental in development, review and maintenance of Standard Operating Procedures.

**1986-1995 Head of Clinical Pharmacology, The Wellcome Foundation Ltd**

Established a group of clinical research physicians, scientists and nurses, who took on a pivotal role in Wellcome's exploratory drug development. Responsible for construction and subsequent management of a 12-bed Clinical Investigation Unit at King's College Hospital. Devised and executed plans for evaluating many novel compounds. Provided input into the design of clinical trials at all phases of drug development. Responsible for design, analysis and reporting of pharmacokinetic studies. Developed pharmacodynamic techniques in psychopharmacology, respiratory function and non-invasive cardiovascular measurement. Contributed to regulatory submissions world-wide. Played a key strategic role in advising the R & D Directorate on go/no go decisions for compounds in development. Chaired Quality Improvement Teams and contributed to management of rapid change in the Medical Division of 300 staff.

**1985-1986 Attending Physician and Lecturer, Internal Medicine**

Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheba Israel.

**1982-1985 Clinical Pharmacologist, The Wellcome Foundation Ltd**

Devised and validated models of analgesia in volunteers for early evaluation of a novel synthetic enkephalin in man. Used a variety of techniques to assess the activity of opioid agonists and antagonists and other CNS active drugs. Conducted a variety of PK and metabolic studies.

**1977-1982 Resident and Lecturer in Internal Medicine and Attending Physician,**

Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheba Israel.

**1975-1977 Senior House Officer posts in Endocrinology / Medicine, Respiratory / Infectious Diseases / Medicine and Neurology**

The Royal Postgraduate Medical School Hammersmith Hospital London, Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow and the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases, London.

**1974-1975 House Physician and House Surgeon**  
King's College Hospital, London.

#### **HONORARY APPOINTMENTS**

1986-1990 **Honorary Lecturer and Clinical Assistant**  
Dept of Medicine King's College School of Medicine & Dentistry

1990-1996 **Honorary Senior Lecturer in Medicine**  
Dept of Medicine King's College School of Medicine & Dentistry

#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

1968	BSc (Hons) 2/i	King's College, London
1971	PhD	Dept of Pharmacology, King's College London
1974	MBBS (Hons Therapeutics)	Kings College Hospital, London
1976	MRCP	Member of the Royal College of Physicians (UK)
1981	Board Certification Internal Medicine	Israel
1992	FRCP	Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians
1994	MFPM	Member of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine
1995	FFPM	Fellow of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine

#### **PRIZES AND HONOURS**

1973 Cargill Prize in Ophthalmology

1999 Clinical Pharmacologist Cum Laude of Society of Apothecaries, London

#### **MEMBERSHIP OF LEARNED SOCIETIES**

British Pharmacological Society  
Royal Society of Medicine  
Association for Human Pharmacology in the Pharmaceutical Industry  
Society for Medicines Research  
Israel Medical Association

#### **FACULTY OF PHARMACEUTICAL MEDICINE**

2007- present Director of Diploma and Certificate in Human Pharmacology

2003-2006 Chairman of Board of Examiners

2003-2006 Member of Faculty Board

1994-2006 Officer of the Board of Examiners