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Dr. Purves has B.Sc. (Hons) and Ph.D. in Pharmacy from Heriot-Watt University and Strathclyde University respectively. After a brief stint with R&D in the pharmaceutical industry, he moved to the Medicines Control Agency (MCA; now MHRA), where he managed and co-ordinated the evaluation of Market Authorisations within the department for the British Government for more than two decades. He subsequently moved to the European Medicines Agency (EMA) from 1996 to 2010, where he had continued involvement in the development of European legislation and guidelines. In his role as the Head of Sector, Quality of Medicines, he managed and co-ordinated the evaluation and maintenance of Market Authorisations on behalf of the EMA / European Commission in collaboration with the network of Member States and Iceland and Norway. He has extensive experience in European Regulatory System. Since 2010, he has been an independent advisor to the pharmaceutical industry. More recently, from 2020 onwards, his interests have concentrated on biological sciences in relationship to the quality of medicines, taking account of the progress in the many innovative aspects of life sciences.