

Qualified from the Royal Veterinary College, London in 1973 and went into general veterinary practice. In 1979 completed an MSc in Tropical Veterinary Science at Edinburgh and worked in Paraguay on an overseas aid program. Joined institute for Animal Health in 1982 to do a PhD on sheep and goat pox and then carried out research in the OIE/FAO World Reference Laboratory for FMD, becoming Head in 1989. Participated in the response to the 2001 outbreak of FMD in the UK after which was invited to Canada as Director of the CFIA National Centre for Foreign Animal Diseases in Winnipeg. In 2008 moved to the Ministry Of Agriculture, British Columbia to become Provincial Chief Veterinary Officer.