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Michael Theodorakis is a Physician Scientist certified in Internal Medicine, Diabetic Medicine, Geriatrics and Clinical Pharmacology. Following medical training, he received his PhD in Pharmacology from the University of Georgia, USA and then served as a Clinical Associate and Investigator in the US National Institutes of Health, at the Magnuson Clinical Centre in Bethesda, Maryland, with a joint appointment at the Diabetes Section, Laboratory of Clinical Investigation, National Institute on Aging and at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center and the Geriatrics Center in Baltimore, Maryland. He joined the Clinical Academic Faculty at the Department of Clinical Therapeutics, University of Athens Medical School before moving to the Medical Sciences Division at the University of Oxford, UK.

He has a productive record of leading multidisciplinary academic research teams and Units, a Clinical Investigation Institute, Academic Research and Education Programmes, having also worked as Principal Investigator at one of the largest clinical trials Units at the University of Oxford. Complementing his expertise as a Clinical Investigator, he has long been involved in Regulatory Science and Clinical Trial Ethics, having served for many years as Vice President and member of National Committees (National Pharmacovigilance Committee, National Bioethics Committee, National Committee on Transparency in Medicines), governing implementation and oversight of regulation of medicinal products for human use at national level, clinical trial regulatory processing, approval and conduct at national level, as well as leading national initiatives on these subjects.

He had also been appointed as an expert and member in European Medicines Agency Committees and other working groups of the European Commission (CHMP, PhVWP, EnCePP and the Geriatrics Expert Group), including the Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee (PRAC) and the Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Research Risks (SCHEER), alongside his continuing membership in many prominent professional societies and scientific associations in Europe and the US. In Oxford, he had also served as Member of the Clinical Trials Safety Group (CTSG), Clinical Trials Research Governance, Oxford University Hospitals.

In parallel, he had long been involved in undergraduate and postgraduate education, doctorate supervision, educational programmes and dissemination of clinical knowledge internationally. having served as Major Advisor to numerous graduate candidates who have successfully defended their dissertations.

He is a Health Education England - accredited Educational / Clinical Supervisor having served as Educational Lead at the Medical Sciences Division, University of Oxford. He continues to be fully active as Faculty and Module Lead in the MSc Course in Experimental and Translational Therapeutics, Department of Continuing Education, University of Oxford. He is a practising Consultant clinician, a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. Dr Theodorakis has long been involved in clinical research from phase I to large scale outcome trials and has been especially active in translational research, focusing on innovative pharmacological design and development of novel compounds for human use.

