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Professor Hunter, a physician and international authority on water and health, developed an early interest in infection related to food and water and has been involved in the investigation of many food and waterborne outbreaks. His main research interests are in waterborne disease and environmental epidemiology. Professor Hunter graduated in medicine from Manchester University in 1979 and went on to specialize in medical microbiology becoming a Member of the Royal College of Pathologists in 1985 and a Fellow in 1995. He obtained the M.D. degree for his research into the epidemiology of *Candida albicans* infections, and received the M.B.A in 1996. In 1999, he also became a Member of the prestigious Faculty of Public Health of the Royal College of Physicians.

Prior to joining the University of East Anglia, Norwich, England, where he is currently Professor, he was Consultant in Medical Microbiology, and from 1988 to 2001 was the Director of the Chester Public Health Laboratory. Professor Hunter also worked as Consultant in Communicable Disease Control for the South Cheshire Health Authority and as the Regional Epidemiologist in the Northwest of England Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre. Professor Hunter sits on several national and international committees. In 1999, he was Chair of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)/World Health Organization expert group: *Approaches to establishing links between drinking water and infectious disease*. In 2002 and 2003, he served on the OECD expert group: *Emerging Risks to Global Water Supplies*. He was also a member of the U. K. Advisory Committee on the Microbiological Safety of Food. Professor Hunter is currently the European Editor of the Journal of Water and Health, a joint publication of the World Health Organization and the International Water Association.

A practicing physician with clinical and public health responsibilities, Professor Hunter provides clinical advice on the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of infection and infectious diseases in hospitalized patients and patients in the community; and advises Environmental Health Officers, occupational physicians and others on medical and environmental aspects of microbial disease

Professor Hunter, who is also a very experienced investigator, has conducted studies of the epidemiology of sporadic cryptosporidiosis, a risk assessment of drinking water systems (supported by a European Commission grant), the epidemiology of Crohn's disease and a recent study on the environmental transmission of antibiotic resistance. Professor Hunter has published over 100 peer-reviewed articles in the scientific literature, four books and over 20 book chapters.