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He was trained in the universities of Oxford and London and read for his PhD with Professor Barry Kay at the National Heart & Lung Institute in London.

In the ensuing 25 years he has been engaged in research and has published over 160 original manuscripts on the cellular and molecular immunopathology of asthma, and particularly phenotypes of severe and resistant disease, including aspirin-sensitive and non-atopic asthma, and been awarded more than £20 million in peer reviewed research funding. His uncovering of the role of Th2 cell-mediated immunity in asthma was declared a "milestone" in asthma research by the American Thoracic Society in its centenary celebrations some years ago. More recently he has studied the role of the epithelial alarmins in generating environmentally triggered airways inflammation in asthma and the role of the calcium sensing receptor in generating the phenomenon of bronchial smooth muscle hyperresponsiveness.

Clinically he led in building the large adult allergy service, particularly the allergen immunotherapy service, and the severe asthma service based at Guy's Hospital, London. The allergy service has been acknowledged by the World Allergy Organisation (WAO) and the Global Allergy & Asthma European Network (GA2LEN) as a Centre of Excellence, while the severe asthma service was recently commissioned by NHS England as one of the three national providers for care for patients suffering with severe asthma in Greater London.

He has always been deeply committed to undergraduate and postgraduate medical education. For many years he chaired the Royal College of Physicians Specialist Advisory Committee on Allergy and formulated the content of the UK Specialist Registrar training programme in Adult Allergy now approved by the UK's Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Postgraduate Training Board and the General Medical Council. He is also Training Programme Director for Allergy in the London Deanery and is or has been the educational supervisor of 12 Allergy SpRs, 15 PhD students and hundreds of medical undergraduates.