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Serves as the S. Daniel Abraham Associate Professor of Nutrition, Associate Director of the Division of Nutrition, at Harvard Medical School. He is the, Chief of the Nutrition/Metabolism Laboratory, and Director of the Center for the Study of Nutrition Medicine, which are affiliated with the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts.

He received his medical degree from the University of Kansas in 1965 and completed his internship and residency at Boston City Hospital, Harvard Medical School. In 1973, he obtained his doctorate in nutritional biochemistry from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

His laboratory has a priority to investigate the most complex issues dealing with nutrition and health. He has trained over 100 fellows in applied and clinical nutrition and has published widely on various aspects of nutrition, medicine, and metabolism, with over 400 publications to date. He is on the editorial board of and reviewer for several journals including, the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Annals of Internal Medicine*, *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, *Journal of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, *International Journal of Nutrition and Obesity*. He has been most fortunate to be recognized for his contributions to the field of nutrition by being awarded in 1988 the Grace Goldsmith Award by the American College of Nutrition and was made an honorary member of the American Dietetic Association in 1992. In 1998 he was the recipient of the Joseph Goldberger award in Clinical Nutrition from the American Medical Association. In 2004 he was appointed an American Society for Nutrition Fellow in recognition of a distinguished career in nutrition.

As an active participant in the field of nutritional medicine, he is a Past President of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity (NAASO) and the American Board of Nutrition. He remains on the Board of Advisors for the American Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (ASPEN) of which he served as president; he was also President of the American Society for Clinical Nutrition and a member of numerous other medical societies. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgery.

He is a Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI) on the NIH-funded Action for Health in Diabetes (Look AHEAD) and is the Associate Director and on the executive committee of the NIH Boston Obesity Nutrition Research Center (BONRC).