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Rick Grobbee, is founder of the Julius Center for Health Sciences and Primary Care (1996), a division of the University Medical Center Utrecht (UMCU) currently employing approximately 500 staff, and of Julius Clinical (2008), a full service Academic Clinical Research Organization. He currently acts as the chair of the Center for Circulatory Health at the UMCU governing cardiovascular patient care, research and education. Previous positions include Professor of Clinical Epidemiology at Erasmus University Rotterdam, member of the board of Erasmus University Medical Center, and visiting Associate Professor at Harvard University, Boston. He holds honorary appointments in Sydney and Kuala Lumpur. He has been a (principal) investigator in many large-scale epidemiologic studies and randomized intervention trials relating to the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular, cardiometabolic, and cardiorenal disease. In addition he works on the principles and methods of treatment research, trial design and data analysis. He is listed in the top 100 global most influential biomedical researchers (*Eur J Clin Invest* 2013 Dec;43(12):1339-65) and has consistently been ranked as highly cited author by Web of Science over the last decades. Rick Grobbee has been on the editorial boards of several journals and (inter) national scientific, search, and site-visit committees. Current journal roles include senior consulting editor of the *European Journal of Preventive Cardiology* of which he served as editor-in-chief for eight years. He is president of the *European Association for Preventive Cardiology* and member of the board of the *European Society of Cardiology*. In 2010 he was appointed Distinguished University Professor of International Health Sciences and Global Health at Utrecht University. Rick Grobbee is fellow of the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences and served as the chair of its Medical Section and Advisory Council for the Medical Sciences. He is honorary fellow of the Indonesian Heart Association and of the Romanian Society of Cardiology. In recent years his attention has increasingly been directed towards global circulatory health. He sits on the Science Policy and Advocacy Committee of the World Heart Federation. In 2017 he was knighted by the Dutch King (Knight in the Order of the Dutch Lion). To date, Prof. Grobbee has authored or co-authored over 1,300 scientific papers (PubMed), chapters, and books, and has supervised more than 140 PhD fellows. His Hirsch index (Web of Science) is 137.