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Richard Lehman was born in Sheffield, England in July 1950.

In 1967 he was awarded a scholarship to study medicine at Oxford University where he also took a first class degree in English Language and Literature.

After junior posts in leading London teaching hospitals, he chose a career in primary care and was a partner at Hightown Surgery, Banbury, Oxfordshire from 1979 and senior partner from 1994 to 2010. He oversaw a 5-fold growth in his practice and played a leading role in shaping local medical services.

He was a Senior Research Fellow in the department of Primary Care at Oxford University from 2002-2015. He carried out research into heart failure and published the first book on palliative care and heart failure in 2006.

He retired from full-time clinical practice in 2010. Since that time he spent a year working on studies of patient experiences at Oxford, and from 2011-2 worked at Yale with the Center for Outcomes Research and Effectiveness and helped to set up the Yale University Open Data Access project, to which he remains a consultant.

He is the largest weekly contributor to the *BMJ*, regularly reviewing the principal medical journals on its website, with extracts printed in each paper journal, plus a weekly column called Minerva, which reports items from the wider medical literature in all specialties. He also initiated an ongoing educational series of over 70 articles for primary care called Easily Missed, and has written numerous editorials and Analysis pieces for the *BMJ* and other journals. He is a regular peer reviewer for several journals.

His main current interest is in ways to develop better informed dialogue with patients. He is on the steering committees of shared decision making initiative at the National Institute for Health Care Excellence (NICE) and the Choosing Wisely group of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges. He is Senior Advisory Fellow in Primary Care at the UK Cochrane Centre.