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Dr. Johanna Dwyer is a Senior Nutrition Scientist at the Office of Dietary Supplements where she has worked since 2003 under the Interagency Personnel Acquisition Program (IPA). At ODS her work involves the development of a Dietary Supplement Ingredient Database that will provide analytically substantiated values for key ingredients in dietary supplements. Dr. Dwyer also directs activities on developing understanding of dietary supplement motivation and use on the part of Americans, and is currently supervising a study involving secondary analyses of several large scale surveys of consumers on their motivations for the use of various dietary supplements. She spends the remainder of her time as Director at the Frances Stern Nutrition Center, Tufts Medical Center, Senior Scientist at the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging and at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University. Dr. Dwyer acted as the Assistant Administrator for Human Nutrition, Agricultural Research Service, and US Department of Agriculture from June 2001-January 2003.

Dr. Dwyer is the author or co-author of more than 200 original research articles and 280 review articles published in scientific journals on topics including preventing diet-related disease in children and adolescents; maximizing quality of life and health in the elderly; and vegetarian and other alternative lifestyles. In addition to her work as a scholar and clinician, her interests in public policy and specifically nutrition policy have led to extensive involvement and assignments in Washington DC. Work on such projects has included the White House Conference on Food, Nutrition and Health, in the Executive Office of the President on a project involving the organization of nutrition research in the federal government, strengthening the role of human nutrition in the US Department of Agriculture, and assuring that the national population-based nutrition surveys remain strong. She also served on the Congressional staffs of Richard Lugar (R-IND) and Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) as a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow.

She is the past President of the American Institute of Nutrition, past Secretary of the American Society for Clinical Nutrition, past President and current Fellow of the Society for Nutrition Education, and a past member of the Program Development Board of the American Public Health Association. She was a member of the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Academy of Sciences from 1990-2002.. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences, and served on its Council from 2000-2003, and on the National Academies Report Review Committee since 2004. She has served on the Board of Advisors for the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition since 1976.

Dr. Dwyer was a member of the Year 2000 Dietary Guidelines Committee. She has served as a study section member for the National Institutes of Health, and also served on the Board of Scientific Counselors for the National Cancer Institute's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control. As a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow (1980-1981), she served on the personal staffs of Senator Richard Lugar (R-Indiana) and the Hon. Barbara Mikulski (D-Maryland). During 1976 she served on President Carter's President's Reorganization Project in the Executive Office of the President, the White House. She also was vice chair and later chair of the food advisory group of the Office of Technology Assessment, US Congress. In 1969 she served as a special assistant to the President for the White House Council on Food, Nutrition and Health.

Dr. Dwyer received the W. O. Atwater Award in 1996 from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the J. Harvey Wiley Award from the Society for Nutrition Education and the American Dietetic Association's Medallion award. In 2006 she received the Conrad Elvehjem award for public service of the American Society for Nutrition.

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