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Mary Frances Picciano, Ph.D. joined the Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) in July 2001 as a Senior Nutrition Research Scientist. She came to the ODS from the Pennsylvania State University where she was a Professor of Nutrition in the Department of Nutrition, the Graduate Program in Nutrition, and the Integrated Graduate Program in Biosciences. Prior to that, she was Professor of Nutrition in Medicine at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Dr. Picciano has wide and varied research experience in maternal, infant and child nutrition. Her research has focused on dietary requirements for iron, folate, and selenium and bioavailability of these nutrients in reproducing women and their children. Author of over 100 professional and technical papers, she also co-authored a textbook entitled, *Human Nutrition*, and co-edited two other books in her areas of research. She is widely recognized for her research accomplishments having received the Borden, Lederle, and Agnes Higgins Awards from national professional organizations, and the Funk and Pattishall Awards from her home institutions for distinguished research achievements.

Dr. Picciano is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Society for Nutrition. She is currently on the Editorial Boards of the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, *Journal of Mammary Gland Biology and Neoplasia*, *Journal of Trace Elements in Experimental Biology and Medicine*, and *Nutrition Today*. She is Treasurer of the American Society for Nutrition, served on the National Academy of Science's Subcommittee on Nutrition During Lactation and as President of the International Society for Research on Human Milk and Lactation. She also has served on numerous other advisory boards and review panels for research support and scientific publications.

In 1974, Dr. Picciano received a Ph.D. in Nutrition from The Pennsylvania State University. She received her B.S. degree in Biology from St. Francis College in Loretto, Pennsylvania in 1968.