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John Wass is the Professor of Endocrinology at Oxford University and Head Department of Endocrinology at the Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism, Churchill Hospital Oxford, UK. He qualified at Guy's Hospital in 1971 and undertook endocrine training at St Bartholomew's Hospital, obtaining his doctorate from the University of London in 1980.

From 1989 he was Professor of Clinical Endocrinology and Sub-Dean, University of London at Bart's before moving to Oxford in 1995. His laboratory has attracted postdoctoral and academic clinicians from all over the world. He has been at the forefront of postgraduate education in the UK where he has played an active role in the Royal College of Physicians.

Professor Wass is an eminent international clinical scientist and an authority in pituitary endocrinology with research contributions compassing pituitary disease, adrenal disease, tumoral angiogenesis and the genetics of osteoporosis and thyroid disease. He has published over 350 articles in scientific journals, and authored several authoritative reviews and chapters in textbooks including the Oxford Textbook of Medicine and DeGroot's Textbook of Endocrinology. He has been Editor of a number of textbooks including the Oxford Textbook of Endocrinology, Clinical Endocrine Oncology and the Oxford Handbook of Endocrinology.

He was editor of Clinical Endocrinology and is on the Editorial Board of numerous journals including Pituitary, the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism and Endocrine Reviews. He was President of the European Federation of Endocrine Societies from 2001-2003 and is Chairman of the Society for Endocrinology. He has also served as President of the Pituitary Society. He was chair of the Programme Organising Committee for the International Endocrine Meeting in Rio de Janeiro in 2008.

He has won a number of prizes and given several prestigious named lectures including the Jubilee Prize of the Society for Endocrinology.