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Sir Michael David Rawlins is an academic physician specializing in clinical pharmacology and general (internal) medicine. He has been passionate about basing decisions on the use of diagnostic and therapeutic interventions on evidence whether from randomised controlled trials or observational studies. Moreover he believes that the evidence base should encompass both clinical and cost effectiveness. He established the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) in 1999 in order to give advice to healthcare professionals, working in the British health service, measures to provide patients with the highest attainable standards of care. The institute appraises the cost effectiveness of both new and established interventions as well as publishing clinical guidelines that encompass the pathway of care for people with specific conditions.

The global interest in NICE's approach to developing evidence-based advice for healthcare professionals and healthcare systems prompted the Institute, in 2007, to establish an international division. This offers assistance, particularly to lower and middle income countries, in developing healthcare programmes informed by evidence. The Institute's international division has led missions to over 40 countries (including Thailand) and provided assistance in developing national health technology assessment programmes, in developing clinical guidelines and – in some instances – establishing their own institutes.

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Sir Michael graduated in medicine from obtained his medical degree from St. Thomas's Hospital, University of London. He undertook postgraduate training in general medicine and clinical pharmacology at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School in London, and at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm.