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From 2012 to 2015, Dr. Wharton served as Chair of WHO's Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety. She has worked extensively on issues related to vaccine policy, vaccine safety science, and public health response. She has authored or co-authored more than 80 scientific journal articles, book chapters, and CDC publications.

Dr. Wharton received her medical degree from Harvard Medical School and Masters in Public Health from Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. She completed her internship and residency in internal medicine at the University of Michigan Medical Center, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and her infectious diseases fellowship at the Duke University Medical Center, in Durham, North Carolina.