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Kathy Pritchard-Jones graduated from the University of Oxford in 1983 and undertook post-graduate clinical and research training in Paediatrics and Paediatric Oncology. She was awarded her doctoral thesis on “Wilms tumour genes” in 1992. She was subsequently appointed to a consultant position in paediatric oncology at The Institute of Cancer Research and Royal Marsden Hospital in 1993, becoming Professor of Childhood Cancer Biology from 2004 and Deputy Dean (clinical) for postgraduate education from 2001-2009. In 2010, she moved to a new position in University College London Partners (UCLP), where she combined her clinical and research interests in paediatric oncology with the role of chief medical officer for an integrated cancer system of providers in North London, a position she held until Dec 2018. This latter role encompassed enabling health services research and accelerating adoption of innovation in cancer diagnostics, treatment and aftercare for a population of over 6 million. Her major clinical and research interests are in childhood kidney cancer and international collaborations to define best practice and benchmark childhood cancer outcomes. She has held several leadership roles in the International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP) at a European and global level and was part of the leadership team that developed a European Cancer Plan for Children and Adolescents in 2015. She is currently President of SIOP (2019-2022) at a critical time to support the global implementation of the WHO’s challenge to double childhood cancer survival rates in Low and Middle Income Countries to 60% by 2030.