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Professor Warnakulasuriya is an emeritus professor of Oral Medicine and Experimental Pathology at King's College London, UK and was the Chairman of the Oral Medicine Division at King's College Hospital and at Guy's Hospital, London between 2005 -2015. He has made major contributions to cancer epidemiology, oral medicine and clinical trials. He is a leading expert on human carcinogens, especially tobacco, alcohol and areca nut that cause mouth cancer. His early work showed that smokeless tobacco and areca nut cause cancers of the mouth and have led the International Agency on Research on Cancer to confirm these substances as Class 1 carcinogens and to re-affirm an Europe-wide ban on smokeless tobacco use. Professor Warnakulasuriya has also been involved in developing the terminology and classification of oral potentially malignant disorders and studied their natural history and molecular changes during progression to malignancy. He has made substantial contributions to the world literature. Research interests: Epidemiology, natural history, screening and molecular markers of oral cancer and pre-cancer.