

Biographical Sketch
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Luc is currently Senior Scientific Director, Fellow in the Department of Nonclinical Safety, Janssen Research & Development. He joined Johnson & Johnson in 1992 as Study Director, Reproduction Toxicology and later moved to Global Project Management as Associate Director. In 2001 he returned to Nonclinical Safety and has held various positions of increasing responsibility. From 2005 to 2011 he was head of a group of reproductive and general toxicologists.

He currently has an expert function in reproductive / juvenile toxicology. An integral part of this role is the developing and customizing of testing rationales and study designs to suit specific test articles or regulatory requirements. He reviews study reports and regulatory documents, and addresses regulatory questions in close collaboration with the development teams. Over the past 28 years, he has contributed to many small molecule development programs, predominantly in the area of neurosciences, oncology, gastro-intestinal, infectious and metabolic diseases.

In addition, Luc is the head of the DART-Pediatric Team, a cross-functional preclinical advisory group within Janssen R&D covering small and large molecules and vaccines. The team is also responsible for organizing the very successful and internationally recognized Juvenile Toxicology symposia held every 18 months in Belgium (10 editions during 2006-2019).

Luc represents J&J on the Developmental and Reproductive Toxicology (DART) Steering Committee of HESI. As expert representing EFPIA, Luc has co-developed the new ICH S11 guidance on Nonclinical Safety Assessment for Pediatric Drug Development.

Luc graduated as DVM at the University of Gent (1983), Belgium, where he was Assistant Professor for 6.5 years in the Department of Anatomy, Histology and Embryology and obtained his PhD in Veterinary Sciences in 1993. He also holds a MSc in Applied Toxicology (2005) from the University of Surrey in the UK. He is member of the American Teratology Society, European Teratology Society and the Belgian and Dutch Societies of Toxicology.