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SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Professor Timo Vesikari, MD, PhD, is the Founder and CEO of Nordic Research Network (NRN) Ltd in Tampere. With the University of Tampere he has been Director of Vaccine Research Center (2004-2019), Professor of Virology (1991–2012) and Professor of Pediatrics (1981–1987).

Professor Vesikari is a specialist in pediatric infectious diseases with particular research interest in virology and viral vaccines. His research work has significantly contributed to the introduction of rotavirus vaccine into childhood vaccination programs worldwide. Timo Vesikari has worked with World Health Organization in 1988–1990 and been a member of many WHO committees over the years. He has published over 350 peer reviewed articles and co-edited a textbook on Pediatric Vaccines and Vaccinations (published 2017).

VRC under the leadership of Professor Vesikari has conducted many pivotal vaccine trials leading to the licensure and implementation of several pediatric vaccines in addition to rotavirus vaccines. These include single and combined varicella vaccines, herpes zoster vaccines, live attenuated vaccine and adjuvanted non-live influenza vaccines, pneumococcal conjugate vaccines, new hexavalent infant vaccines and meningococcal ACWY and B vaccines. NRN has conducted trials in healthy adult volunteers on avian influenza vaccines, herpes zoster vaccines and new hepatitis B vaccines.

Professor Vesikari's current research interest is development of norovirus vaccines and non-live rotavirus vaccines.