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Andy Pickett has worked for over 30 years in the pharmaceutical industry on a wide range of biological products including botulinum toxin, microbial enzymes, vaccines, natural products and many recombinant proteins, all in the laboratory, development and also in production and quality.

Andy has worked on botulinum toxin for over 26 years at Ipsen Biopharm Limited, part of the French Ipsen Group (and other predecessor companies) and now in the Galderma Aesthetic and Corrective Business Unit. His activities and responsibilities provided scientific and product support and technical expertise on botulinum toxin structure, function, physiology, assay technologies, quality, regulatory and production areas. He has liaised with many regulatory authorities around the world, including the US Food and Drug Administration, European authorities and the Japanese MHW (now PMDA). He was also responsible for external collaborations, technical support and liaisons with commercial areas. He was the botulinum toxin scientific expert within Ipsen then.

For the last several years, Andy has focused on translating the science and technology of botulinum toxin to enable clinicians, dermatologists, plastic surgeons, rehabilitation specialists and medical students to have a clear understanding of the toxin products available, how they work and how they can be used. His speciality is translating the current, state-of-the-art science into practical knowledge and subsequent benefits for the clinical users and he has been recognised internationally for this work.

Andy has delivered over 300 lectures to audiences worldwide in the last few years. He has lectured at many international conferences, specialist meetings, hospitals, universities and colleges and has been invited to present information to many different clinical disciplines in many different countries. He has also specialised in presenting to aesthetic clinicians on both botulinum toxin and dermal fillers. He has over 50 papers, magazine articles and related publications on botulinum toxin.

Recently, Andy has worked extensively on fake and counterfeit toxin products. He has presented data and published on these illegal products to audiences around the world in order to highlight both their poor quality and potential risks to patients.

Andy founded Toxin Science Limited in 2011 to continue his work on translating the science and technology of botulinum toxin into real, practical meaning for clinicians around the world.

In the autumn of 2011, Andy joined Galderma Aesthetic and Corrective (formerly Q-MED) based in Uppsala, Sweden. He was first responsible for the Development group, which was newly-established during 2011 following the acquisition of Q-MED by Galderma. The Development team was responsible for Clinical Development, Project Management, Microbiology and Stability of all the Q-MED products in the Aesthetic and Corrective portfolio of the company. The Development Team was responsible for the delivery of all new products, product revisions and new technology from after the research stage until first registration in any country, including all necessary clinical trials.

Since May 2014, Andy has focused entirely on botulinum toxin research, process development, clinical development and production within Galderma and is responsible as Senior Program Leader for the botulinum toxin programs currently underway. He is also the Scientific Expert, Neurotoxins within the company.

Currently member of number of professional bodies:

Society of General Microbiology Society of Chemical Industry Movement Disorders Society

Member of British Pharmacopoeia Panel of Experts BIO: Biological and Biotechnological Products

Joint inventor on number of patents and patent applications relating to botulinum toxins

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