

Richard Horton

Richard Horton is the editor-in-chief of *The Lancet*. He joined *The Lancet* in 1990, moving to New York as North American editor in 1993. In 2016, Horton chaired the Expert Group for the High Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth, convened by Presidents Hollande of France and Zuma of South Africa. From 2011 to 2015, he was co-chair of the UN's independent Expert Review Group on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health. In 2011, Horton was elected a foreign associate of the U.S. Institute of Medicine and, in 2015, he received the Friendship Award from the Government of China. In 2019, Horton was awarded the WHO Director-General's Health Leaders Award for outstanding leadership in global health and the Roux Prize in recognition of innovation in the application of global health evidence. Horton now work to develop the idea of planetary health—the health of human civilizations and the ecosystems on which they depend. In 2020, he published *The COVID-19 Catastrophe: What's Gone Wrong and How to Stop It Happening Again*. A revised, updated, and expanded second edition was published in 2021. He qualified in physiology and medicine with honors from the University of Birmingham in 1986.