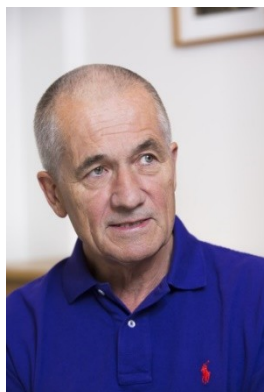


## Peter C. Gøtzsche, DrMedSci, MD, MSc



Professor Peter C Gøtzsche graduated as a Master of Science in biology and chemistry in 1974 and as a physician 1984. He is a specialist in internal medicine; worked with clinical trials and regulatory affairs in the drug industry 1975-1983, and at hospitals in Copenhagen 1984-95. Co-founded the Cochrane Collaboration (the founder is Sir Iain Chalmers), and established the Nordic Cochrane Centre in 1993. Became professor of Clinical Research Design and Analysis in 2010 at the University of Copenhagen and has been a member of the Cochrane Governing Board twice. Co-founded Council for Evidence-based Psychiatry in the UK in 2014 and International Institute for Psychiatric Drug Withdrawal in Sweden in 2016. Founded the Institute for Scientific Freedom in 2019. Currently works as researcher, lecturer, author and independent consultant, e.g. in lawsuits. Visiting professor, University of Newcastle.

Peter's greatest contribution to public health was when he, in 2010, [opened the archives](#) of clinical study reports in the European Medicines Agency after a 3-year long battle that involved a complaint to the European Ombudsman. EMA was solely concerned with protecting the drug industry's interests while ignoring those of the patients. The Ombudsman ruled there was no commercially confident information in the study reports.

Peter has published more than 75 papers in "the big five" (BMJ, Lancet, JAMA, Annals of Internal Medicine and New England Journal of Medicine) and his scientific works have been cited about 50,000 times (his H-index is 70 according to Web of Science, April 2019, which means that 70 papers have been cited at least 70 times). Peter is author of several books. The most recent ones are:

- Vaccines: truth, lies and controversy (2020; February) (will appear in at least 7 languages).
- Survival in an overmedicated world: Find the evidence yourself (2019) (will appear in 7 languages).
- Death of a whistleblower and Cochrane's moral collapse (2019).
- Deadly psychiatry and organised denial (2015) (in 9 languages).
- Deadly medicines and organised crime: How big pharma has corrupted health care (2013) (Winner, British Medical Association's Annual Book Award, Basis of Medicine in 2014; in 16 languages).
- Mammography screening: truth, lies and controversy (2012) (Winner of the Prescrire Prize 2012).
- Rational diagnosis and treatment: evidence-based clinical decision-making (2007).

Peter has given numerous interviews. One, about organised crime in the drug industry, has been seen about 350,000 times on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dozpAshvtsA>. Peter was in The Daily Show in New York on 16 Sept 2014 where he played the role of Deep Throat revealing secrets about big pharma. A documentary film about Peter's reform work in psychiatry, [Diagnosing Psychiatry](#), appeared in 2017.

Peter has an interest in statistics and research methodology. He has co-authored CONSORT for randomised trials ([www.consort-statement.org](http://www.consort-statement.org)), STROBE for observational studies ([www.strobe-statement.org](http://www.strobe-statement.org)), PRISMA for systematic reviews and meta-analyses ([www.prisma-statement.org](http://www.prisma-statement.org)), and SPIRIT for trial protocols ([www.spirit-statement.org](http://www.spirit-statement.org)). Peter was an editor in the Cochrane Methodology Review Group 1997-2014.

Peter is Protector for the Hearing Voices Network in Denmark.

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