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Joseph M. Betz, Ph.D., joined the Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) as director of the newly formed Dietary Supplements Methods and Reference Materials Program. In this role, he oversees efforts to enhance and stimulate research and training in fields relevant to dietary supplements at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and to promote development of validated analytical methods and reference materials for use by industry, regulatory agencies, and clinical researchers. Prior to this, he was vice president for scientific and technical affairs at the American Herbal Products Association and a research chemist at the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. His research interests are toxic natural products, plant-derived foods that may prevent chronic disease, and analytical methods for determination of botanical quality. He has been a principal investigator in the National Cancer Institute's Designer Foods program as well as project manager for FDA's Plant Toxins and Chemical, Biological, and Toxicological Characterization of Food Plants research programs. Dr. Betz has more than 30 publications on plant toxins and analytical methods for determination of bioactive constituents of botanical dietary supplements. He continues to work toward ensuring the quality and safety of botanical products. He received his Ph.D. in pharmacognosy from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science (now the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia).