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Christine Swanson, Ph.D., is a senior nutrition scientist at the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Office of Dietary Supplements. She served as the director of the NIH Botanical Research Centers Program (BRCP). The BRCP continues to advance the scientific base of knowledge about botanicals, including issues of their safety, efficacy, and biological action. Currently, Dr. Swanson is primarily focused on leading an ODS initiative to work with NIH Institutes and other federal agencies to identify research needs to better determine the iodine status of the U.S. population, particularly in vulnerable groups such as pregnant women, newborns, and infants. Prior to joining ODS, Dr. Swanson was a senior staff fellow in the Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and a nutrition consultant for a large randomized clinical trial in China designed to evaluate whether micronutrient supplementation could reduce the risk of esophageal cancer. She also worked with scientists at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the NIH Clinical Center studying human selenium metabolism using stable isotope methodology. She received her undergraduate degree in dietetics from Montana State University and her Ph.D. in nutritional sciences and her M.P.H. in epidemiology from the University of California at Berkeley.