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Dr. Fost is a graduate of Princeton (AB 1960), Yale (MD 1964) and Harvard (MPH 1973). He completed residency training in pediatrics and two years as Chief Resident at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. He was a fellow in the Harvard Program in Law, Medicine and Ethics 1972-73. Since 1973 he has been at the University of Wisconsin where he worked as a general pediatrician for 40 years and is now Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics and Bioethics. He founded the Program in Medical Ethics in 1973; was Chair of the Hospital Ethics Committee for 31 years, Chair of the Health Sciences IRB for 31 years; Director of the Pediatric Residency Training Program for 21 years; founder and director of the Child Protection Program for 33 years; and Vice Chair of the Department of Pediatrics and the Department of Medical History and Bioethics for 10 years

He was an elected member of the Princeton University Board of Trustees (1994-1998) and in 1996-97 was the DeCamp Visiting Professor of Bioethics at Princeton. He served on the Ethics Working Group of President Clinton's Health Care Task Force and in 2003 he received the William G. Bartholome Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics for Excellence in Ethics. In 2004 he was awarded the Nellie Westermann Prize for Research Ethics, and was runner-up in 1976 and 1989. In 2006 he received a lifetime achievement award, created by the US DHHS Office of Human Research Protection, for excellence in human research protection. In 2007 he was the first recipient of the Patricia Price Browne Award in Bioethics from the Oklahoma University Medical School. In 2011 he was inducted into the Johns Hopkins University Society of Scholars, and in 2016 he received the MacLean Prize, the largest prize in Bioethics.

He has published numerous articles on a range of issues in medical ethics, including human subjects research, genetic screening, performance enhancing drugs, euthanasia of handicapped newborns, organ transplantation, and access to human growth hormone. He has taught courses on Ethical and Regulatory Issues in Human Subjects Research at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and for 20 years has taught a similar course at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions. He has served on numerous federal committees and commissions on a variety of ethical and regulatory issues. He is past-chair of the FDA Pediatric Ethics Subcommittee, and served on the National Academy of Science Committee on Guidelines for Stem Cell Research.

Dr. Fost has been a frequent guest on national television shows, including Nightline, Frontline, Crossfire, Donahue, The News Hour, Good Morning America, 20/20, ESPN Sports Center, HBO, Charlie Rose, Larry King Live and Oprah. He appears in the movie, "Bigger, Stronger, Faster," and was a consultant for the 2018 Oscar documentary winner, "Icarus."