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“Vitamin D deficiency and
mass disease: prime mover or
fellow traveller?”

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Hugh Tunstall-Pedoe (an identical twin) is *Emeritus Professor of Cardiovascular Epidemiology*, based at Dundee University since 1981. Training in medicine and cardiology in London, he joined Jerry Morris's MRC Social Medicine Unit in 1969 to start a heart-attack register in East London. ‘Volunteered’ as *Rapporteur* by the WHO which coordinated the multicentre study, he remained *Rapporteur* to WHO studies for 34 years. Joining Geoffrey Rose as Senior Lecturer in Epidemiology at *St Mary's* for seven years from 1974, he worked on the **United Kingdom Heart Disease Prevention Project**, and taught epidemiology.

From Dundee in the 1980s he launched what is now the **Scottish Heart Health Extended Cohort (SHHEC)**, and the **Scottish MONICA**, based in north Glasgow, then the ‘*coronary capital of the world*’. He drafted the protocol of this WHO study from 1979 and saw it through to its end, editing and writing much of the *MONICA Monograph and Multimedia Sourcebook* published in 2003. He initiated the **Dundee Coronary Risk Disk** in 1991, onetime most used coronary risk score in general practice in Britain, and the **ASSIGN** cardiovascular risk score in 2006, the first to incorporate social deprivation with other factors, now default score in Scotland. Nominally retired in 2005 he stopped seeing cardiac outpatients after 38 years, but continued coordinating teaching of medical ethics, and continues academic research and writing. Writing includes humour: two Christmas editorials for the *BMJ*: *Shake- down or lie- down after the big blowout?*, *Born again, live longer?* and *Lancet Sucker-Daddy Syndrome*.

He fosters Dundee red squirrels at the expense of invasive greys.