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Dr. Carnevale obtained a doctorate in veterinary medicine from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia in 1973 and a bachelor's of science degree from the University of Arizona in Tucson in 1969. After graduating from veterinary school, he practiced veterinary medicine in Pennsylvania. He then joined the Food and Drug Administration and spent five years as a veterinary medical review officer in the Center for Veterinary Medicine's Office of New Animal Drug Evaluation (NADE), engaged in the evaluation of both food animal and companion animal drugs. He then was promoted to branch chief in one of the review divisions, and eventually to Deputy Director for NADE. During this time he also served in an acting capacity as Director for NADE. While at FDA, Dr. Carnevale received the Food and Drug Administration Award of Merit on two separate occasions, these being the highest awards given in the agency.

In 1988 he joined U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service as the Assistant Deputy Administrator in the Science and Technology Program. He was responsible for nearly 100 scientists engaged in the residue, microbiology, pathology, and analytical laboratory programs that supported the FSIS meat and poultry inspection programs. During his tenure he helped to develop the microbial testing programs to support the meat and poultry Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) programs now mandatory in all meat and poultry plants under federal inspection.

In 1995 he joined the Animal Health Institute as the Vice President for Regulatory, Scientific, and International Affairs. AHI represents the manufacturers of animal drugs and veterinary biologics before federal agencies, Congress, and international health and food safety organizations.

Dr. Carnevale has worked for more than 35 years in the regulatory, scientific, and international arenas of animal health and food safety. He has a clear understanding of how animal drugs are regulated and monitored and their importance and significance in global agriculture. He has come to appreciate the pressures and challenges that are placed on the animal health and veterinary industries from controversial issues such as the antibiotic resistance problem. He has been a frequent presenter at scientific and professional meetings on antibiotic resistance and the views of the pharmaceutical industry. He has also represented the industry in numerous print and broadcast media stories where this issue has been portrayed, and has developed a keen perspective on where the industry sees the problem and its importance with regard to food safety and public health.