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Dr. Izurieta has collaborated extensively in multicenter (and multinational) observational studies at CDC, the FDA, WHO and other leading U.S. and international organizations. He has a foreign MD degree, a Master's in Public Health (MPH) degree from Harvard University, a Preventive Medicine Fellowship from CDC, and a two-year EIS training in epidemiology at CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS), also in Atlanta, Georgia. His publications include over 70 manuscripts in internationally recognized scientific journals, mainly on vaccine preventable diseases, vaccine effectiveness and safety, blood and other biologics, and on surveillance and epidemiological study methods. His papers have been cited over 3,500 times, with an h-index of 24 and a i-10 index of 35, and include first author leading papers in Lancet, JAMA and the NEJM. Many of his investigations have been used for policy-making and regulatory decisions by FDA, CDC's ACIP, WHO, PAHO and other institutions.

Prior to his arrival to FDA, Dr. Izurieta worked in Africa for 5 years with MSF (Doctors without Borders) and other organizations. He also worked as epidemiologist on vaccine preventable diseases at CDC for over ten years. He joined CBER/Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 2003. His current appointment is GS-15 epidemiologist, under the Associate Director for Research, in the Immediate Office of the Director, Office of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, OBE/CBER, performing observational studies on vaccine and biologics effectiveness and safety, in collaboration with CDC, CMS and other Federal Partners.