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Wayne currently has global responsibility for R&D Operations, Global Methods Standardization Program, Scientific Exchange, and External Partnerships, working closely with public and private organizations, government agencies, universities, and laboratories to ensure product quality and safety, through use of globally harmonized, fit-for-purpose, test methods and standards.

He is a member of the American Society for Mass Spectrometry (ASMS), the Association of Official Analytical Chemists (AOAC) International, and active participant in AOAC Stakeholder Panel for Infant Formula and Adult Nutritionals (SPIFAN), representing Abbott Nutrition on both the Stakeholder and Advisory Panels. Additionally, he is an active participant in Codex Alimentarius Committees for Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) and Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS), advocating for endorsement of globally harmonized, fit-for-purpose standard methods for label-claim nutrients.

Prior to taking his current position, Wayne was Director of the Abbott Research Park office, on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), helping to strengthen collaborative relationships with University faculty, students and staff, while gaining access to cutting-edge science and technology for industry. His efforts had a direct impact on the genesis of the joint UIUC-Abbott Center for Nutrition, Learning and Memory.

Wayne began his career working with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), before joining Abbott Nutrition, to establish laboratory facilities that help ensure the safety and quality of infant formulas, nutritional products, raw ingredients, and packaging.

Prior to joining the Ohio EPA, he earned both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the Ohio State University in Columbus, OH.
