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Place of Birth:

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Invention:

AIDS Cocktail



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David was born in Taiwan and immigrated to Los Angeles when he was twelve. He received degrees from the California Institute of Technology (1974) and Harvard Medical School (1978). David has been at the forefront of HIV research since the beginning of the AIDS pandemic. He invented the AIDS Cocktail (a combination of antiretroviral drugs) that reduced AIDS sickness and death. For the past decade, he and his lab have focused on HIV and coronavirus transmission, and vaccine development. David has received many honors and awards, such as being named *TIME Magazine's* Man of the Year (1996) and receiving the Presidential Citizens Medal (2001).