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Michael Gardam completed his undergraduate degree, master's degree, and medical school training at McGill University in Montréal. He completed training in internal medicine and infectious diseases and became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in infectious diseases in 1998.

He subsequently completed additional research training in infection prevention and control in Toronto and completed a second master's degree in Health Policy, Management, and Evaluation at the University of Toronto in 2003. In 2008 he completed the Leadership Development program at the Rotman School of Management.

Dr. Gardam has been medical director of the tuberculosis clinic at the Toronto Western Hospital since 2000, and of the Infection Prevention and Control Unit at the University Health Network since 2001. Recently he assumed a director role at the newly formed Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion. He is an assistant professor of medicine and faculty at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto. He is Physician Director of the Community and Hospital Infection Control Association Canada (CHICA) and is the national lead of the MRSA initiative for Safer Healthcare Now!

Dr. Gardam has acted as a consultant on infection control issues such as SARS, tuberculosis, pandemic influenza and *C. difficile*, at the provincial, national and international level. Within Canada, he has helped a number of hospitals control outbreaks and develop their infection control programs.

Dr. Gardam has published over 60 scientific papers and book chapters. His research interests focus on mitigating the spread of infectious diseases in both the hospital and community setting.