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Dr. Robert Salata is the STERIS Chair of Excellence in Medicine and Chairman of the Department of Medicine (DOM) since 2015 and was Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases and HIV Medicine for nearly 20 years at Case Western Reserve University and University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center (UHCMC). He is the founding Director of the Infectious Diseases and Immunology Institute in the School of Medicine. He is also the Medical Director of Infection Control and Prevention at UHCMC.

Dr. Salata has clinical interests in the evaluation and management of infections in immunocompromised hosts and healthcare-associated infections. He has research interests in the epidemiology of infectious diseases, clinical trials of new therapeutic agents for emerging infections and clinical HIV/AIDS research related to antiretrovirals including in resource-limited settings, as well as the epidemiology and prevention of HIV. He is internationally recognized as a researcher in clinical trials and has received continuous funding for these activities from the National Institutes of Health. Taking advantage of over 30 years of a collaboration in Uganda, Dr. Salata also facilitated the involvement of multiple other areas of chronic non-communicable diseases in global health including cardiovascular medicine, oncology, neurology and genetics.

Dr. Salata is the author of 238 peer-reviewed publications, 150 reviews/chapters, and 200 abstracts. He is Chair of the AAIM Research Committee and served as Chair of the 3rd Consensus Conference on the physician scientist and 1st author of a recent 2017 Academic Medicine publication entitled "U.S. Physician-Scientist Workforce in the 21st Century: Recommendations to Attract and Sustain the Pipeline.