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Richard J. Duma, MD, PhD, former Director of Infectious Disease and Infection Control, Halifax Health Medical Center (a not for profit hospital), Daytona Beach, FL, is well known nationally and internationally in the field of infectious diseases. As a co-founder of NFID, he was the first Executive Director (1991-1995) and a past President (1985-1991).

Prior to becoming Executive Director of NFID, Dr. Duma was tenured Professor of Medicine and adjunctive Professor of Pathology and Microbiology and Chairman of the Division of Infectious Diseases at the Medical College of Virginia (MCV), Virginia Commonwealth University(VCU), Richmond, VA, which included the McGuire Veterans Administration Hospital, Richmond. He still holds an appointment at MCV as Clinical Professor of Medicine in Infectious Diseases.

Dr. Duma served as Chair and was one of the founding members of the Steering Committee for the National Coalition for Adult Immunization (NCAI), which was a network of more than 75 national organizations and the first group dedicated to promoting adult immunizations through public and professional education and motivational activities. He was also Chair and one of founders of the US Pharmacopoeia's National Coordinating Committee for Large Volume Parenterals (NCCLVP), which reviewed, identified, and provided solutions to reduce the medical and infectious disease problems associated with sterility and safety of parenterally administered drugs and fluids nationwide. He is the author of more than 170 published peer reviewed scientific articles and abstracts involving his research, more than 30 chapters, two books and serves as a reviewer for numerous medical journals. He is on the Editorial Board of *Infectious Diseases in Clinical Practice* (IDCP) and the Editorial Review Panel of *Immunofacts*, published by Facts and Comparisons Publishing Groups.

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His recent book, *High-Tech Terror: the Recognition, Management, and Prevention of Biological, Chemical, and Nuclear Injuries Secondary to Acts of Terrorism*, co-authored with Dr. Robert Cromartie and published by Charles C. Thomas, LTD, Springfield, IL, is a wake-up call for both healthcare practitioners and the public alike.