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David H. Martin, MD is the Harry E. Dascomb Professor of Medicine, Chief of the Section of Infectious Diseases, and Professor of Microbiology at the LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans. He is a graduate of the Harvard School of Medicine and served an internal medicine internship at the Bronx Municipal Hospital Center/Albert Einstein Medical School in 1969-70. From 1970-73 he served as a Staff Associate at the National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Middle American Research Unit in the Panama Canal Zone. During this time he worked with Karl M. Johnson, M.D. on Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis virus. Following this time Dr. Martin did his medical residency at the University of Washington Affiliated Hospitals and was chief resident at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in Seattle Washington. He trained as an Infectious Diseases specialist at that same institution where his research mentor was King K. Holmes, M.D. Leaving Seattle in 1979 he moved to the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in New Orleans, LA where he was the Deputy Director of the Clinical Research Unit and initiated studies of *C. trachomatis* infections in pregnant women. In 1982 he moved to the LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans where he began the development of the sexually transmitted disease (STD) training and research program now in place at that institution. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases. He is past president of the International Society for Sexually Transmitted Diseases Research, the American Sexually Transmitted Diseases Association and the Louisiana/Mississippi Infectious Diseases Society. He is a Fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the American College of Physicians. He has served on numerous Centers for Disease Control expert panels in the areas of treatment, diagnosis and prevention of STDs. He has served on several NIH ad hoc review panels for large program project and clinical trials focused on STD's, HIV infection and chlamydial infections. Currently he serves as the Director of the NIH funded Gulf South Sexually Transmitted/Topical Microbicides Cooperative Research Center and as Co-Director of the South Louisiana Institute for Infectious Diseases Research which is funded by the Louisiana Board of Regents. Research interests include molecular methods of diagnosing STDs, the development of molecular methods for studying their epidemiology, treatment of STDs, the epidemiology of *Chlamydia trachomatis*, and the potential role of *Mycoplasma genitalium* in human genital tract disease. A new interest is the use of molecular methods for better understanding the vaginal bacterial ecosystem. He has published over 250 papers, book chapters and abstracts on these and related topics.