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I am an infectious diseases physician and clinician-scientist at St. Michael's Hospital, and an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada. After completing my undergraduate degree at McGill University in Montréal, Quebec, I completed medical school and residency training (2007), followed by a PhD in clinical epidemiology (2012) at the University of Toronto. I have dedicated my career to working on the HIV/AIDS epidemic because of its profound impact on communities important to me both in Canada and abroad, including sexual minorities and other historically disadvantaged populations.

My research program is focused on optimizing strategies for effective HIV prevention, and for addressing the overlapping epidemics of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs). I hold a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in HIV Prevention and STIs, and have been Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator in multicenter clinical trials and cohort studies related to pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP and PEP), antiretroviral therapy, herpes simplex virus co-infection, syphilis screening, and STI prophylaxis. In particular, I have been a strong advocate for the broader rollout of PrEP since its inception. Accomplishments in this area include conducting Canada's first PrEP demonstration project in 2014, initiating and co-chairing the development of evidence-based Canadian clinical guidelines on PrEP and PEP in 2017, and leading an ongoing CIHR-funded implementation science project on scaling up PrEP delivery among gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men. In 2018, I was honoured with the CAHR-CANFAR Excellence in Research Award in the Clinical Sciences.

I have played an active leadership role in the Canadian HIV research community in many ways. I served as Co-Chair of the Canadian Association of HIV Research Conference in 2015, and am currently the Co-Lead of the Prevention Core of the CIHR Canadian HIV Trials Network (CTN), after having served on its scientific review committee for 11 years. Together with community leaders, I Co-Chaired the HIV Research Ethics Board at the University of Toronto from 2013-18, and have co-led the HIV prevention taskforce of 'Toronto To Zero', an initiative to end new HIV infections in Canada's largest city.

For the International AIDS Society, I have been a conference abstract reviewer every year since 2006, co-chaired poster discussions, and served as an organizing committee member for the pre-conference on Understanding and Addressing the HIV and STI Syndemics in Amsterdam in 2018. My aspirations for the IAS are to maximize opportunities to synergize HIV research work with that on other STBIs, to ensure the interests of early career investigators are met, and to support ongoing efforts to achieve meaningful community engagement.