

## **Michael Bell, MD - Biography**

Michael Bell, MD, is Associate Director for Infection Control at CDC's Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion. The division promotes the protection of patients and healthcare personnel, and improvements in safety and quality of healthcare. Examples of activities include producing guidelines for prevention of healthcare associated infections, programs for prevention of antimicrobial resistance, and improvements in basic safe medical practices such as safe injections.

His first position at CDC was in the Hospital Infections Program, investigating outbreaks of healthcare-associated illness and writing national infection control guidelines. Prior to his current position, he was the chief of the Epidemiology Unit at the Viral Special Pathogens Branch, addressing infection control for high-risk pathogens such as Ebola virus. He received his medical degree from the University of Washington and trained in Internal Medicine at the University of Colorado, and in Infectious Diseases at the University of California San Francisco.