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During his 15 year tenure with the CDC, Dr. Perz has guided dozens of outbreak investigations and special studies, drawing attention to the needs for injection safety and other basic infection control practices. He has authored or co-authored over 50 peer-reviewed journal articles, MMWR articles and book chapters. His team's activities are currently focused on interagency collaboration, support to health departments, and other partnership efforts aimed at expanding prevention and response activities across all healthcare settings.

