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**Dr Pappas** is the William E. Dismukes Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases, Department of Medicine at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. Dr Pappas attended medical school at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, graduating in 1978. He completed his residency in internal medicine, chief medical residency, and infectious diseases fellowship at the University of Washington in Seattle in 1983.

Following completion of his fellowship, he was in private practice of medicine and on the clinical faculty at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill, NC, through its AHEC affiliated hospital in Wilmington, North Carolina. In 1988, he joined the faculty at the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine, where he focused opportunistic infections in HIV infected persons and transplant recipients. It was during this time that he developed a career long interest in the invasive mycoses.

Over time, his research and clinical interests have included the development of new therapies and diagnostics for fungal infections, and understanding the epidemiology of candidiasis, the endemic mycoses, and cryptococcosis. In the last 30 years, he has designed and performed numerous clinical studies involving invasive candidiasis, cryptococcosis, aspergillosis, sporotrichosis, blastomycosis, histoplasmosis and pigmented molds through his involvement with the Mycoses Study Group. He has published over 270 peer-reviewed manuscripts and two text books.

He is currently the Principal Investigator of the Mycoses Study Group Education and Research Consortium (MSG), an international group that performs multicenter clinical trials, creates treatment guidelines for invasive mycoses, and coordinates CME training focusing on the epidemiology, diagnosis and treatment of invasive mycoses. He also served as the PI of a national network of transplant centers, TRANSNET, from 2000-2008, in conjunction with CDC and a consortium of industry co-sponsors to explore important epidemiologic and treatment information among transplant recipients who develop proven and probable invasive fungal infections. He was co-PI of the Organ Transplant Infection Detection and Prevention Program (OTIP) from 2008-2013, a collaborative multicenter group funded by CDC. Finally, Dr Pappas has served as Director of the Antimicrobial Stewardship Program at UAB since its formation in 2008. The program currently serves UAB Hospital and 8 UAB-affiliated hospitals in Alabama.