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Dr. Bill Rutala is the Director and co-founder of the Statewide Program for Infection Control and Epidemiology and a Professor for the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of North Carolina's School of Medicine. He was the Director of Hospital Epidemiology, Occupational Health and Safety Program at the University of North Carolina Hospitals for 38 years before retiring in May 2017. He is a retired Colonel with the U.S. Army Reserve and is certified in infection control. He has been an advisor to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Federal Trade Commission.

Dr. Rutala is a member of various committees on the local, state, national and international level as well as several professional societies. He has more than 675 publications in the fields of disinfection and sterilization, and the epidemiology and prevention of healthcare-associated infections. He has also been an invited lecturer at over 400 state, national and international conferences (in over 40 states and 40 countries) and has testified twice before the U.S. Congress.

Dr. Rutala earned his Bachelor of Science degree in science from Rutgers University, his master's degree in microbiology from the University of Tennessee, and both his master's in public health and doctorate in microbiology from the University of North Carolina School of Public Health.