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His practice interests include patient safety, infection prevention, antimicrobial stewardship and resistance, public health including vaccine preventable diseases, sepsis, medical informatics, clinical integration, and human factors engineering. Dr. Septimus has lectured nationally and internationally on surviving sepsis, reduction of healthcare-associated infections, antimicrobial stewardship, the economic case for quality, and employee health. He is Past President of the Texas Infectious Diseases Society and has served on the Board of Directors of the IDSA. He is on the IDSA Antimicrobial Resistance Committee, the SHEA Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee, and the IDSA Quality Measurement Committee. In 2011 he was appointed to the Healthcare-Associated Infections/Preventable Adverse Events Advisory Panel for the Texas Department of State Health Services. Dr. Septimus is also a member of the FDA Anti-Infective Drug Advisory Group and is co-chair of the National Quality Forum (NQF) Patient Safety Steering Committee. Dr. Septimus has published over 100 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. He was the first recipient of the IDSA Annual Clinician Award, received the John S. Dunn Sr. Outstanding Teacher Award in 2010, 2011, 2013 and 2014, and received the Clinical Excellence Award from HealthTrust in 2013.