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Ciarán P. Kelly, MD, is Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Director of Gastroenterology Fellowship Training at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Kelly earned his medical degree from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland where he was a Foundation Scholar and recipient of numerous academic awards. Dr. Kelly has also received postgraduate clinical and research awards from the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, the American Gastroenterological Association and the National Institutes of Health. He is an American Gastroenterology Association Fellow and a Fellow of the American College of Gastroenterology.

Dr. Kelly has longstanding clinical and research interests in intestinal infection and inflammation. He has been involved in patient care and research in *Clostridium difficile* infection for more than 20 years and leads NIH-funded research programs on the immune response to *C. difficile* infection and on potential *C. difficile* vaccines and other immune-based treatments. He has also completed several studies examining the mechanisms of action of probiotics in *C. difficile* infection and in antibiotic-associated diarrhea.

Dr. Kelly has served as a committee member of the NIH, Center for Scientific Review as well as FDA, CDC and NIH committees related to initiatives to prevent and treat *C. difficile* infection. Dr. Kelly is the author of more than 200 clinical and basic science research book chapters, invited reviews and peer-reviewed original publications appearing in journals that include *Gastroenterology*, *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, *Journal of Clinical Investigation*, *New England Journal of Medicine* and *Lancet*.