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The Role of HAI Prevention and Antimicrobial Resistance

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An active researcher, Dr. Perl has been funded by the CDC and the Veteran's Affairs Administration over the years. She has authored or coauthored over 250 peer-reviewed articles. In addition, she has written multiple chapters and contributed to guidelines and policies relevant to healthcare associated infections at the institutional, state and federal level. She serves on NIH study sections and on IOM committees including those for Ebola. She has been asked to help with management of international outbreaks including COVID-19, SARS, MERS CoV, Ebola and consults with international governments on guideline development and strategies to prevent healthcare associated infections and antimicrobial resistance.