



Preventing and treating infectious diseases  
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## Backgrounder

The Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease (AMMI) Canada was created in 2004. Though in its first years, its founding organizations the Canadian Association of Medical Microbiologists (CAMM) and the Canadian Infectious Diseases Society (CIDS) have histories dating back to the formal beginnings of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases as medical specialties in Canada. The history of these two organizations has been the bedrock of AMMI Canada.

Today, AMMI Canada is the national association that represents physicians and researchers specializing in the fields of medical microbiology and infectious diseases. The association focuses on a diversity of issues and activities directed at preventing and treating infectious diseases across the nation and at the international level.

Achieving the highest standards of excellence in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of infectious diseases is AMMI Canada's primary aim. AMMI Canada works towards translating knowledge into effective policies and practice, to assist colleagues, healthcare professionals and industry members in their management of patients with infectious diseases.

The Association strives to promote, facilitate and support research and educational programs. Its collaboration with other relevant organizations – such as the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada – encourages excellence in the infectious disease and medical microbiology training of health care professionals and helps sharing expertise to facilitate the advancement of its mission.

AMMI Canada is also recognized for hosting an important annual conference in partnership with the Canadian Association of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (CACMID). The conference, *'Where Canada's experts in Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases meet'* each year, is an important venue to discuss health issues on the national and international levels. The conjoint meeting showcases the latest clinical, laboratory and research advances.

AMMI Canada continues to grow and be strengthened by the increasing participation of clinicians and scientists. The Association welcomes as members all qualified individuals working or interested in advancing healthcare knowledge and practice in medical microbiology and infectious diseases.

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