



# Speaker Bio

**Professor Didier Pittet**  
**Director, Infection Control Programme,**  
**University of Geneva Hospitals and Faculty of Medicine**  
**External Programme Lead,**  
**WHO First Global Patient Safety Challenge: Clean Care is Safer Care**

*Background, Education, Career Path, and Current Employment Role:* Professor Didier Pittet, MD, MS was born in Geneva and completed his medical studies at the University of Geneva. He is the Hospital Epidemiologist and Director of the Infection Control Programme and WHO Collaborating Centre on Patient Safety at the University of Geneva Hospitals and Faculty of Medicine, Geneva, Switzerland. Professor Pittet holds Honorary Professorships at Imperial College London, UK, Hong Kong Polytechnic University School of Health Science, and the First Medical School of the Fu, Shanghai, China. Professor Pittet is Lead Advisor to the World Health Organization Global Patient Safety Challenge “Clean Care is Safe Care” and African Partnerships for Patient Safety. He is the recipient of several national and international honours including a CBE awarded by Her Majesty Queen Elisabeth II for services related to the prevention of healthcare-associated infection in the UK (2007), the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America Lectureship for his contribution to infection control and healthcare epidemiology (2008), and the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases’ Award for Excellence (2009). Professor Pittet is co-author of more than 450 publications in peer-reviewed journals and 50 textbook chapters. The experience of his team in engaging nations and healthcare settings worldwide in a universal commitment to patient safety is unique.