



Cristina Cassetti Biography

Cristina Cassetti is the Deputy Director of the Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (DMID) at the National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), a component of the US National Institutes of Health (NIH). Dr. Cassetti has a Ph.D. in virology from the University of Rome, Italy. After her postdoctoral training at the NIH on poxvirus research, she joined Rutgers University as a research associate to study influenza virus. She subsequently joined the Pharmaceutical Company Wyeth as a senior research scientist in the Vaccine Discovery Department where she participated in the development of a therapeutic vaccine against papillomavirus. In 2003 she returned to the NIH as a Program Officer to direct extramural research programs on several emerging viral diseases of global health importance including influenza and dengue. In 2016, she was appointed to coordinate the Zika research response in extramural NIAID and to oversee translational research in the Virology Branch. In 2017 she was appointed as Chief of the Virology Branch where she was responsible for the overall scientific direction, administration and management of the NIAID extramural Program focused on viral diseases. She held this position until 2019 when she became the Deputy Director of DMID.