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Dr. Craig N. Carter received his BS, DVM, MS in Epidemiology and PhD Public Health degrees at Texas A&M University. He is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine (ACVPM) and a Distinguished Scholar of the National Academies of Practice (DSNAP).

After graduating from the school of veterinary medicine, Dr. Carter ran a solo large animal ambulatory medicine and surgery practice in Texas for five years and joined the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory as a Clinical Associate (TVMVL).

In 1985, he established the Department of Epidemiology and Informatics and went on to develop and implement electronic diagnostic clinical reporting, accounting, and epidemiology systems in support of laboratory operations and the clients. He also conducted infectious disease diagnostic epidemiology research and participated in the all-species necropsy service rotations for 25 years.

After Kentucky experienced the devastating Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome (MRLS) in 2001, Dr. Carter was recruited to the University of Kentucky to establish an epidemiology unit at the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in the Department of Veterinary Science. In 2007, he was appointed as Director of the University of Kentucky Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory where he currently oversees lab operations, major construction projects, conducts infectious disease research and works with his graduate students. His laboratory (9 faculty and 65 support and technical staff), currently provides clinical and regulatory testing for over 3000 active clinics, hospitals, state and federal agencies, and corporate veterinary medicine. His laboratory also conducts up to \$1M in extramural research annually, advancing diagnostic veterinary methods and science to improve service to clients.

He served as President of the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians in 2011. He also held the position as Executive Director of the World

Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians from 2000-2017, overseeing the planning for eight international meetings.

Dr. Carter is currently the President of the American Veterinary Epidemiology Society (AVES) and a member of the One Health Initiative Autonomous *pro bono* team. His research interests include infectious disease epidemiology, anti-microbial resistance, food security, electronic animal health monitoring, computer-based clinical decision support and laboratory information systems.

He is active internationally, having consulted and/or deployed to over thirty-five countries. His military career in the USAF and US Army spanned four decades. Dr. Carter commanded the first Army Reserve Veterinary unit into Afghanistan after the 9/11 attacks, receiving the Bronze Star. He retired as a full Colonel in 2009. He was awarded the AVMA XIIth International Veterinary Congress Prize in 2016, the AAVLD E. P. Pope Award in 2018, and the Inaugural Allen W. Hahn Lifetime Achievement Award in Veterinary Informatics in 2019 from the Association for Veterinary Informatics.