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Dr. Patrick Dawson is the Team Lead for the Eastern Mediterranean and Africa Team in the Global Influenza Branch of the Influenza Division. He joined the CDC in 2019 as an EIS Officer in the Division of High-Consequence Pathogens and Pathology. He has led Epi-Aid investigations of anthrax, leptospirosis, and melioidosis and has completed five COVID-19 deployments. Afterwards, he joined the Office of Science as the Team Lead for Data Strategy and Analytics, where he helped launch an agency-wide scientific portfolio analytics project and provided analytic support to agency leadership on strategic science initiatives. As a Team Lead on the COVID-19 Strategic Science Unit, he led two major updates to the CDC COVID-19 Public Health Science Agenda. During 2012–2014, he lived in Cairo, Egypt, serving as the Regional Epidemiologist for the CDC Global Disease Detection Center (Eastern Mediterranean region). He continued to work in Egypt and Jordan through 2019 on studies evaluating zoonotic spillover of coronaviruses, influenza viruses, and other viruses. Dr. Dawson received his BA from Northwestern University and his MPH and PhD from Columbia University. He has co-authored more than 40 peer-reviewed publications on respiratory viruses and emerging diseases.