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Dr. Joseph Bates is employed at the Arkansas Department of Health as the Deputy State Health Officer and Chief Science Officer. He serves as Professor of Medicine at the University of Arkansas College of Medicine and as Professor of Epidemiology and Associate Dean of the College of Public Health.

Dr. Bates earned the MD at the University of Arkansas College of Medicine and later the Masters of Science in Microbiology from the University of Arkansas Graduate School. His post-graduate training was in Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease.

Dr. Bates was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award by both Hendrix College and the University of Arkansas and received the Mastership Award from the American College of Physicians. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the College of Medicine, the Trudeau Medal from the American Thoracic Society, and the Will Ross Medal from the American Lung Association.

Dr. Bates has served as President of the American Lung Association and President of the American Thoracic Society. He has served on the Editorial Boards of several journals, including the Journal of Respiratory and Clinical Care Medicine and the Journal of Laboratory and Clinical Medicine, and currently serves on the editorial board of the Public Health Reports. He serves as guest reviewer for a number of science and medical journals including the New England Journal of Medicine and the Journal of the American Medical Association.