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Robin Patel, M.D., is a consultant and serves as chair of the Division of Clinical Microbiology, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology at Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, with a joint appointment in the Division of Infectious Diseases, Department of Medicine. Dr. Patel also serves as co-director of the Clinical Bacteriology Laboratory and director of the Infectious Diseases Research Laboratory. She joined the staff of Mayo Clinic in 1996 and holds the academic rank of professor of medicine and professor of microbiology, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science. Dr. Patel is recognized with the distinction of the Elizabeth P. and Robert E. Allen Professorship in Individualized Medicine.

Dr. Patel earned her B.A. in chemistry at Princeton University and her M.D. at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. She completed a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in infectious diseases followed by a fellowship in clinical microbiology at Mayo Clinic.

Dr. Patel's research focuses on clinical bacteriology diagnostic testing, antimicrobial resistance, microbial biofilms and prosthetic joint infection. She is frequently invited to give presentations on her research to both national and international audiences, and she has authored numerous journal articles, book chapters, abstracts and other written publications. She is editor of the *Journal of Clinical Microbiology* and *Clinical Infectious Diseases*.

In recognition of her work, Dr. Patel has received many awards and honors, including Honorary Membership, conferred by the International Society of Chemotherapy, Scotland; the American Society for Microbiology BD Award for Research in Clinical Microbiology; and the Mayo Clinic School of Medicine Distinguished Service Award.

In addition to her clinical and research activities, Dr. Patel is active in education, serving as course director for the Mayo Clinic School of Medicine microbiology course. She also provides mentorship to many residents and fellows, among others. She holds full faculty privileges at Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

Dr. Patel is a fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology, a past member of the IDWeek Program Planning Committee, the immediate past chair of the United States Medical Licensing Examination Microbiology and Immunology Test Material Development Committee, and co-chair of the American Society for Microbiology 2016, 2017 and 2018 Program Planning Committee.