

## Faculty Bio



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Dr. Stuart Johnson, MD is a Professor of Medicine at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine at Loyola University Medical Center and a Researcher at the Hines VA Hospital, Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Johnson received his MD degree from the University of Minnesota Medical School and completed his internal medicine residency and infectious disease fellowship training at the University of Minnesota Hospital and the Minneapolis VA Medical Center. He received a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene at Mahidol University in Bangkok, Thailand and a Career Development Award from the Department of Veterans Affairs. He is the past President of the Anaerobe Society of the Americas.

His main research interest and focus has involved the epidemiology, pathogenesis, and treatment of *Clostridium difficile* infection. He is actively studying variant strains of *C. difficile* and the role of the various toxins in the pathogenesis of *C. difficile* disease. His clinical experience in the treatment of patients with recurrent CDI has translated into studies helping to define optimal management of these infections, including the utility and pitfalls of alternative treatment agents. He is currently the Principal Investigator of a multi-center study with the VA Healthcare system designed to define optimal management of early recurrences of CDI. He is also a member of the Infectious Diseases Society of America/Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (IDSA/SHEA) CDI Guidelines Committee. In addition, he has been involved in clinical research on the parasite, *Angiostrongylus cantonensis*, responsible for most cases of eosinophilic meningitis world-wide.