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Retired Army Officer to Lead Infectious Disease Research

Jeffery Adamovicz, PhD, has been named the new director of the Laboratory for Infectious Disease Research (LIDR) at the University of Missouri. The MU LIDR is one of 12 regional biocontainment laboratories established by the National Institutes of Health. The laboratory conducts research designed to prevent and treat infections caused by biothreat and emerging infectious diseases agents.

Adamovicz is a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel. He previously served as scientific director of the University of Wyoming veterinary BSL-3 laboratory, chief scientist for the Midwest Research Institute, and chief of the bacteriology division at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID). At USAMRIID, Adamovicz directed vaccine and therapeutics development programs against bacterial diseases such as anthrax, plague and glanders.

Adamovicz earned a doctorate in microbiology from the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences and a bachelor's degree in biotechnology from the University of Northern Iowa. In addition to his duties as the director of the LIDR, Adamovicz is also an associate professor in the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology at the College of Veterinary Medicine.

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