

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH



David M. Morens serves as Senior Advisor to the Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health.

He received the A.B. degree (Psychology) in 1969 and the M.D. degree in 1973, both from the University of Michigan.

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In 1976 he joined the Epidemic Intelligence Service of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and later served as a medical virologist studying enteroviruses and enteric gastroenteritis viruses, as Chief of CDC's Respiratory & Special Pathogens Branch, and for two years studied Lassa fever in Sierra Leone, West Africa. He remains on active duty in the United States Public Health Service.

From 1982-1998 Dr. Morens was appointed at the University of Hawai'i to the School of Medicine as Professor of Tropical Medicine, and as Professor and Chairman, Department of Family Practice & Community Health; to the School of Public Health as Professor and Chairman, Epidemiology Department; and to the College of Natural Sciences as Professor of Microbiology. In 1998 he joined the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Dr. Morens' career interest for over 40 years has been the study of emerging infectious diseases, including the viral hemorrhagic fevers and viral disease pathogenesis. He is past President of the American Epidemiological Society. He has authored hundreds of scientific articles in major biomedical journals. As a medical historian, he speaks and writes frequently on numerous aspects of the history of infectious diseases, and on the history of public health.