

Brief Biographical Sketch - Bernard M. Branson, M.D.

Bernard Branson is currently Associate Director for Laboratory Diagnostics in the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention at the CDC, where he also conducts research into HIV prevention strategies. Dr. Branson has been the chief architect for CDC's activities surrounding new technologies for HIV testing, including rapid HIV tests and tests for HIV incidence. Most recently, Dr. Branson was the lead author for CDC's Revised Recommendations for HIV Testing of Adults, Adolescents, and Pregnant Women in Health Care Settings. Dr. Branson has been involved in HIV counseling and testing for more than 20 years. In 1983, Dr. Branson founded the AIDS community based organization HERO, the Health Education Resource Organization, and, in Maryland, initiated the State AIDS Hotline and Maryland's program for anonymous HIV counseling and testing.