

KEVIN FENTON, M.D., Ph.D., FFPH

– Biographical Information –

Kevin Fenton, M.D., Ph.D., FFPH, is the Director of the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In November 2005, Dr. Fenton was named Director of the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, which was renamed NCHHSTP in March 2007 to reflect the addition of CDC's Viral Hepatitis program. He joined CDC in January 2005 as Chief of the National Syphilis Elimination Effort, leading a revitalization of this program to end the sustained transmission of syphilis in the United States.

Prior to his work at CDC, Dr. Fenton was the Director of the HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections Department in the United Kingdom's Health Protection Agency (HPA). At the HPA, he established England's national chlamydia screening program and led the development of the European Surveillance of Sexually Transmitted Infections (ESSTI) network, a 25-nation collaboration to enhance STD surveillance and prevention throughout Europe.

Dr. Fenton has served in a number of academic and community leadership positions, and has consistently focused on addressing racial and ethnic disparities in sexual health. Beginning in 1995, he was a lecturer in HIV epidemiology at the Royal Free and University College Medical School in London, where he also directed a research program on Migration, Ethnicity, and Sexual Health. In 1998, Dr. Fenton was appointed senior lecturer and honorary consultant epidemiologist at the HPA's Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre. And in 2002, he established the African HIV Research Forum to advance the response to HIV in the U.K.'s African communities. Prior to arriving in the U.S., Dr. Fenton served as an advisor to a number of European Union government and charitable organizations.

Dr. Fenton has published numerous book chapters and peer-reviewed articles on HIV and STD epidemiology, policy and sexual behavior, with a special emphasis on racial and ethnic health disparities. His works have been published in prominent journals including *The Lancet*, *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*, *AIDS*, the *British Medical Journal*, and the *Journal of Infectious Diseases*.

After graduating from the University of the West Indies Medical School in Jamaica in 1990, Dr. Fenton earned his Masters in Public Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 1993. He earned his Ph.D. from University College London in 2005 with a thesis on race, ethnicity, and the epidemiology of STDs. Dr. Fenton is a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom.

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