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Dr. James Talbot has a B.Sc. (1st class Hon), a Ph.D. from the University of Alberta and a M.D. from the University of Toronto. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Medical Microbiology.

He has served as the Director of the Provincial Laboratory for Public Health in Edmonton, Medical Officer of Health for Edmonton and Area in Alberta Health Services, Chief Medical Officer of Health for Nunavut and Deputy and Chief Medical Officer of Health for Alberta and recently completed a month as Locum Acting CPHO for the NWT.

He is currently an Adjunct Professor of the School of Public Health at the University of Alberta -with a continuing interest in laboratory testing, communicable disease and syndromic surveillance. He co-designed and co-teaches the innovative introductory course in Public Health in the MPH program. “SPH 530 What is Public Health?”, uses an intensive interactive flood simulation to introduce students to fundamental and foundational concepts in Public Health.

His research and teaching interests are in using surveillance and epidemiology to provide evidence needed to guide action to prevent or mitigate disease or injury and promote health.