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My interest in infectious & tropical diseases began at medical school in Edinburgh where I undertook an intercalated BSc in microbiology, focusing on tropical infections. On leaving medical school I completed specialist training in infectious diseases and general internal medicine with positions at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases in London and the Public Health England Rare and Imported pathogens Laboratory in Salisbury. During this period I also worked in Tanzania with the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine to set up a paediatric admissions unit in a district hospital in order to conduct research looking at invasive bacterial disease and malaria amongst children and adults admitted to the hospital and later ran the AQUAMAT trial to evaluate artesunate as a treatment for severe malaria in African children at this location. I joined Oxford University in March 2013, based in Hanoi, Vietnam. I am currently involved in research into encephalitis, hospital and community acquired pneumonia and interventions to reduce the morbidity and mortality related to multi-resistant bacterial infections. I remain clinically active as an honorary consultant physician at University College London Hospital & the Hospital for Tropical Diseases in London, returning every year for clinical duties. I run the malaria module for the East African Diploma in Tropical Medicine & Hygiene, run each year by LSHTM in Tanzania and Uganda.