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Biography:

Gavin Cloherty is a Research Fellow in Abbott's Volwiler Society. He has worked in Abbott for 20 years across three divisions providing leadership in infectious disease and diagnostics. He is recognized as an infectious disease subject matter expert with over 100 peer reviewed publications based on his research. Prior to joining Abbott Gavin received his PhD in microbiology from the National University of Ireland, Galway.

Abbott: Pandemic Defense Coalition Talk

Abstract:

Abbott has been a global leader in healthcare technology for more than 100 years and has been conducting virus discovery and virus surveillance for over 20 years. As a natural extension, the Abbott Pandemic Defense Coalition (APDC) was launched in early 2021. The APDC is a global, multi-sector scientific and public health partnership whose primary purpose is the early detection and mitigation of infectious disease threats of pandemic potential. As of September 2021, the APDC network has 11 partner institutions on 5 continents including academic institutions and governmental and non-governmental organizations. A novel element of the APDC is the capacity for early development and rapid deployment of scalable, quality diagnostics targeting newly identified pathogens of pandemic potential. The APDC aims to complement and fill gaps global efforts in pandemic preparedness and response.