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Dr. Gradus is Director of the City of Milwaukee Health Department Public Health Laboratories Division. The Laboratory responds in real time, with health department investigators, to support public health interventions and proactively detect and prevent disease outbreaks. Laboratory programs include: Communicable & Emerging Infectious Disease Control, Sexually Transmitted Disease Control, Emergency and Bioterrorism Preparedness & Response, Environmental Health, Lead Poisoning Prevention, Water Quality Control, Waterborne Pathogens Control, and Foodborne Disease Control.

The City Public Health Laboratory collaborates with local academic institutions by training interns, teaching, and collaborating in scientific research projects and publications. (Academic institutions include Marquette University, UWM, MATC, Alverno College, and the Medical College of Wisconsin.)

Dr. Gradus earned a bachelor's degree in Medical Technology and a master's degree in Medical Microbiology and Immunology from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, followed by a doctorate from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Medical Microbiology and Immunology. A two-year post-doctorate at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Medical and Public Health Laboratory Microbiology preceded employment at the City of Milwaukee Health Department.

Dr. Gradus is certified as a Diplomate from the American Board of Medical Microbiology, PhD(ABMM), and has certifications from the American Academy of Microbiology, RM (NRM) and the American Society of Clinical Pathology, MT(ASCP).

Currently Dr. Gradus serves as a Clinical Professor in the Clinical Laboratory Science Program of the College of Health Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Dr. Gradus also teaches at Marquette University. He is an active member of the Association of Public Health Laboratories and is a member of the American Society for Microbiology.