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Cori Ofstead leads a multidisciplinary team that specializes in designing and conducting real-world studies to validate healthcare guidelines, treatments, and product claims. Since 1996, Ofstead's team has worked with healthcare providers, payers, employers, health and wellness program vendors, and medical products manufacturers to improve the quality of medical care.

As an epidemiologist with 25 years of research experience, her findings regarding guideline adherence and decision-making by healthcare providers and patients have been published in several peer-reviewed journals. She has overseen the design and implementation of several large multi-site studies, and has a track record for utilizing gold-standard research methods and achieving high response rates. The results of her studies have been cited in guidelines published by the CDC, The Joint Commission, and the Infectious Diseases Society of America.

Ms. Ofstead currently serves as an abstract reviewer for the American Public Health Association and a manuscript reviewer for three medical journals (*American Journal of Infection Control*, *Vaccine*, and *Preventive Medicine*). She is a preceptor for graduate students in the epidemiology program at the University of Minnesota, and she supervises MPH candidates who complete their internships at Ofstead. In addition, she served as a research collaborator in the Division of Infectious Diseases at Mayo Clinic, where she was the principal investigator on two studies focused on assessing the effectiveness of endoscope cleaning and disinfection. She specializes in interpreting scientific evidence for diverse audiences, and she has presented at numerous national and international conferences.

Ms. Ofstead has a BA in public health and medical history from the University of Minnesota. She completed graduate coursework at Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene & Public Health and Walden University, and earned a Master of Science in Public Health degree after serving as a Visiting Graduate Student in the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Vaccine Research Lab. Before embarking on her public health career, she worked in hospitals and research labs for 11 years, including six years as a clinical lab technician in an urban hospital.