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Demetre Daskalakis, MD, MPH, is the Director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD). As director of NCIRD, Dr. Daskalakis leads CDC's efforts to detect, prevent, and respond to vaccine-preventable and respiratory infectious disease threats. Most recently, he served as the Director of the Division of HIV Prevention in CDC's National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention. Dr. Daskalakis has been recognized nationally and internationally as an expert in HIV prevention and has focused much of his career on the treatment and prevention of HIV and other STIs as an activist physician with a focus on LGBTQIA+ communities. He also served as the Deputy Coordinator of the White House's Mpox Response, where he successfully led vaccination and public education efforts that helped to halt the advancement of the virus.