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Dr. Travis Gayles is the Chief Medical Officer for the HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD, and Tuberculosis Administration, and Division Chief for STD-TB Control for the District of Columbia Department of Health. In this role, he is responsible for providing oversight and clinical expertise for all aspects of the care and treatment continuums for each of these disease groups, including managing the DC-DOH STD and TB clinical programs, clinic based disease intervention specialist teams, youth and young adult STD screening programs, and a new center for clinical research and population based studies that examines the nexus between social and biomedical factors that enhance sexual disease transmission.

Prior to joining the DOH, Dr. Gayles served as the Director of HIV Testing and Prevention for the Division of Adolescent Medicine, Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago/Northwestern. During his time at Lurie, he served as the primary care provider for HIV+ adolescents and young adults, as well as the Chicago House Social Service Agency's Home for HIV+ transgender women. He completed his BA (Public Policy Studies) from Duke University, PhD (Community Health) and MD from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and completed post-doctoral training in epidemiology at the National Cancer Institute. He completed his residency in Pediatrics and a National Institutes of Health supported fellowship in Academic Pediatrics with a focus in adolescent medicine, researching the influence of interpersonal violence on sexual risk taking, particularly in sexual minority youth, and the impact of social disconnection (e.g. unemployed and not in school) on sexual behavior of adolescents and young adults.

In addition to his clinical and research efforts, Dr. Gayles has been a faculty member of the Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine and Institute of Public Health, and the DePaul University College of Health Sciences.