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Dr. David Acheson is the President and CEO of the Acheson Group. He graduated from the University of London Medical School in 1980 and, following training in internal medicine and infectious diseases in the United Kingdom, moved to the New England Medical Center and Tufts University in Boston in 1987. As an Associate Professor at Tufts University, he undertook basic molecular pathogenesis research on foodborne pathogens, specifically focusing on Shiga toxin-producing E. coli.

In September 2002, Dr. Acheson became the Chief Medical Officer at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. Following several other positions at the FDA he was appointed the Associate Commissioner for Foods, which gave him an agency-wide leadership role for all food and feed issues, including health promotion and nutrition.

Dr. Acheson was a partner at Leavitt Partners and managed Leavitt Partners Global Food Safety Solutions from 2009 to 2013. In 2013, Dr. Acheson founded The Acheson Group, a consulting firm which provides strategic advice as well as recall and crisis management support to food companies and ancillary technology companies on a global basis on all matters relating to food safety and food defense.