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Dr. Hal King is the founder and CEO of Public Health Innovations LLC, an ideation technology and consulting business. Dr. King is a public health professional who has worked on the investigation of foodborne and other disease outbreaks, performed funded research on causation of diseases, worked in the prevention of intentional adulteration of foods, and worked in the design and implementation of preventative controls for food safety hazards in the food industry.

Dr. King was formerly the Director of Food and Product Safety at Chick-fil-A Inc., where he implemented and led the chain's food safety management program. He was formerly Chairman of the National Restaurant Association Quality Assurance Executive Study Group and President of the Georgia Association for Food Protection (an affiliate of the International Association of Food Protection). Dr. King has also held positions on the boards of CDC Industry Partnerships, the FDA and the National Council of Chain Restaurants.

Dr. King's company, Public Health Innovations, developed The Food Safety Lab, a website that facilitates open access to best practices in food safety for the food industry. He is co-author and author of several food safety articles, including numerous peer-reviewed research publications on the science of food safety and public health. Dr. King also holds several U.S. Patents and Patent Pending technologies and is the author of the book, "Food Safety Management: Implementing a Food Safety Program in a Food Retail Business."