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Earlier in his career, Dr. Andrus worked in key positions on polio eradication in Latin America, South-East Asia and Africa.

Among other posts, he served as a medical epidemiologist at the Global Immunization Division at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta and, on assignment by the CDC, as regional advisor for polio eradication and chief of vaccines and biologicals for the South-East Asia Regional Office of WHO.

Dr. Andrus has published numerous scientific articles in the fields of vaccines, immunization, and accelerated control of vaccine-preventable diseases and has won several prestigious awards for his service to public health including the Distinguished Service Medal, the highest award of United States Public Health Service, for leadership in polio eradication in South-East Asia.