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Prof. Leshem received his medical degree from Technion – Israel Institute of Technology. He completed a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in infectious diseases at Sheba Medical Center. In 2014, he graduated from his training as an epidemic intelligence service (EIS) officer at the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). During his training at the CDC he investigated multiple outbreaks including acute gastroenteritis, enterovirus D68 associated acute flaccid myelitis, fungal meningitis and MERS-CoV.

Upon graduating from EIS, Prof. Leshem worked as a medical epidemiologist in the viral gastroenteritis team. His work focused on diarrheal diseases surveillance, rotavirus vaccine impact and viral disease outbreak investigations. Prof. Leshem participated in CDC and WHO led surveillance and evaluation projects assessing vaccine impact and effectiveness in Haiti, Burkina Faso, Togo, the Philippines, Brazil, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Kosovo, the United States and Israel.

During the COVID-19 pandemic Prof. Leshem participated in the Lancet COVID-19 Commission Task Force on Public Health and studied of BNT162b2 vaccine impact and effectiveness. Other research interests include vaccine preventable diseases, arboviruses, and malaria epidemiology. Prof. Leshem serves as councilor at the Asia Pacific Travel Health Society scientific committee, as past chair of the International Society for Travel Medicine pediatric traveler interest group and as an associate editor of the Journal of Travel Medicine.