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Since 1984, Dr. Calzavara has been conducting national and international HIV research which integrates epidemiological and social science disciplines to provide a better understanding of HIV transmission and prevention. She has contributed to knowledge on the prevalence of HIV in different populations, the nature and prevalence of high-risk behaviours in target populations, the micro and macro level determinants of behaviour (i.e. psychological, social, cultural, economic and political) which put persons at risk of HIV, HCV and other STDs, and that impede the adoption of preventive measures.

Dr. Calzavara has been active in training, capacity-building and conducting research in other countries including Russia (1996-2001) and China (2001-present). She has also been involved in shaping strategic plans to fight HIV and other infectious diseases and in advocating for evidence-based interventions. She was Co-Chair of the Ministerial Council on AIDS; a member of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) HIV/AIDS Advisory Committee; past President of the Canadian Association for HIV Research (CAHR); and co-chair of the Scientific Program and Member of the Organizing Committee for the 2006 International AIDS Conference. She has published extensively in national and international journals.