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Dr. Schaffner's work has focused on all aspects of infectious diseases, including epidemiology, infection control and immunizations. In 1996, he was awarded the Society of Healthcare Epidemiology Lecturer Award "in recognition of extraordinary career contributions to infection control and healthcare epidemiology."

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