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James E. Rodgers is the director of Food Safety Research and Testing at Consumer reports. He is responsible for leading the food safety and nutrition operations of the organization, including food testing, data analysis, and risk and safety assessments.

Prior to joining Consumer Reports, Dr. Rogers held various positions at the USDA Food Safety Inspection Service. This includes serving as the Designated Federal Official for the National Advisory Committee for the Microbiological Criteria for Foods, a federal advisory committee that provides impartial scientific advice to federal agencies to use in developing integrated food safety systems from farm to table and to ensure food safety in domestic and imported foods. Additionally, Dr. Rogers served as the Baseline Studies Director where he revived agency's baseline surveys and led efforts to contract sample analysis for the various projects, served as a contracting officer's representative. His efforts resulted in new web publications of survey results and the generation of new data and information provided to enable risk assessments and new performance standards for the food industry. Additionally, he led the development of new methods for detection and enumeration of foodborne bacteria.

Dr. Rogers held the position of Research Microbiologist for the US Army at the Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. He served as an advisor regarding Bioterrorism Agents for various Domestic Preparedness initiatives. Additionally, he was directly responsible for the design, equipping and building of a BSL-3+ laboratory for the U.S. Army. Dr. Rogers served as the lead scientist in regard to the handling and analysis of unknown samples in this laboratory and the lead microbiologist in the training of BSL-3 workers for the safe operation of the laboratory. During his tenure at Edgewood, he instituted the first food safety and Biowarfare agent detection program in the Department of Defense and developed new and innovative analytical methods for the detection of these targets in various food matrices.

Dr. Rogers received his Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Microbiology and Bacteriology from Ohio University in 1981, his Master's in Microbiology from Miami (Ohio) University in 1983, and his Doctorate in Microbiology and Immunology from the University of Michigan in 1993.