

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Morning Keynote Presenter:

David Kim, MD, MA, is a Captain in the U.S. Public Health Service currently assigned to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as the Deputy Associate Director for Adult Immunizations in the Immunization Services Division. During his tenure at CDC, Dr. Kim worked in a variety of programs including immigrant health, quarantine, HIV drug resistance, public health emergency preparedness, and cruise ship epidemiology. Dr. Kim is a graduate of the University of Colorado School of Medicine and completed training in internal medicine at Strong Memorial Hospital, University of Rochester School of Medicine. He is the Secretariat of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Adult Immunization Working Group and leads the effort to assemble the adult immunization schedule for publication each year.

MDPH Update

Susan Lett, MD, began her professional career in nursing before becoming a physician. She is a graduate of the Medical College of Virginia, completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Boston City Hospital and received her master's degree in public health from Harvard University. She is board certified in both Internal Medicine and Preventive Medicine and is an honorary Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. She is also an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

She has been with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for 29 years, where she is the Medical Director of the Immunization Program.

Dr. Lett is active in a number of professional societies, national advisory groups, and coalitions. She is a former member of both the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the National Vaccine Advisory Committee. She participates in the development of immunization policy at both the state and national levels.

Rebecca Vanucci, MA, is the Immunization Outreach Coordinator at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and Co-Facilitator of the Massachusetts Adult Immunization Coalition (MAIC). In her roles, Rebecca plans the strategic educational outreach to providers, patients, and the larger community about immunizations. She actively engages outside partners and stakeholders about immunization related topics. Rebecca coordinates the major pediatric and adult immunization conferences as well as the regional Immunization Updates. She is a member of many coalitions and working groups about increasing immunization rates in Massachusetts. Rebecca received her Master's Degree in the History of Environment, Technology, Health and Medicine from Rutgers University/NJIT.

Question & Answer Session

Alfred DeMaria, Jr., MD, is a graduate of Boston University and Harvard Medical School. He trained in Internal Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, New York and in Infectious Diseases at Boston City Hospital and the Boston University School of Medicine. Dr. DeMaria is a Fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America. He is Past-President of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists. He serves on committees of the Massachusetts Medical Society, on the board of the Massachusetts Public Health Museum, and as President of the Northeast Branch of the American Society for Microbiology.

Pejman Talebian, MA, MPH is the Director of the Immunization Program at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and is responsible for oversight and implementation of statewide immunization policies and programs, including the Commonwealth's universal childhood immunization program, immunization information system implementation and roll out, health education, and vaccine quality assurance. Pejman earned his undergraduate degree from Union College and his Masters in Medical Science and Masters in Public Health from Boston University. He has over 20 years of state immunization program management experience and has worked on immunization policy and planning on both the state and national level participating in numerous national advisory boards. He has also been an active member of the Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) since its inception and has served as its Executive Committee Chair for two terms.

MORNING WORKSHOPS

A. Surveillance, Reporting and Control of Vaccine Preventable Diseases 2017: Working with Community Partners

Joyce Cohen, MPH, is an Epidemiologist and the Influenza Coordinator with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), where she works in the Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences. Prior to her work in the Division of Epidemiology and Immunization, she worked on a pediatric HIV project at MDPH. She completed her MPH at the University of Texas, Health Science Center in Houston.

Marija PopStefanija, MPH, MS, received a Masters in Public Health in Epidemiology in 1989 and Masters of Science in Health Education in 1992 from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She joined the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Epidemiology and Immunization in September of 1992. She has been working very enthusiastically with providers, school nurses, Hospitals, BOH, Public Health nurses and other local, state and federal organizations on disease control, reporting and surveillance of vaccine-preventable diseases as well as increasing immunization rates and protecting the children and the adults of the Commonwealth.

Kristin Ward, MPH, is the lead epidemiologist in the Cambridge Public Health Department's Division of Epidemiology & Data Services. In this role, her primary functions are conducting infectious and chronic disease surveillance; assisting programmatic staff with data collection, analysis, and dissemination; and co-leading the department's formal quality improvement efforts. In addition to her work at the health department, Kristin is currently serving as a course facilitator for Boston University's "Introduction to Epidemiology for Health Communicators" class through the Metropolitan College. Kristin also has a background in public relations and spent two years at a small health communications firm, working with both nonprofit and pharmaceutical organizations on their media relations activities. Kristin received her bachelor's in communication as well as her master's in public health from Boston University.

B. The MIIS: It Takes an Immunization Information System to Vaccinate a Village

Tricia Charles is currently employed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) and is the IIS Manager for the Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS). In her current role, Tricia is responsible for coordinating, planning, and monitoring programmatic aspects of the MIIS. She is the liaison to the MIIS information technology group, ensuring that Immunization Program

requirements are understood and implemented. She also oversees the provision of training and technical assistance to end users. Within her role, she is the SME for Meaningful Use and Vaccine Management. Prior to this position, Tricia worked at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) as a Research Analyst in the Integrated Surveillance and Informatics Services (ISIS). She received a B.A. in Social Psychology at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

C. Adult Immunization 101

Katie Reilly, MPH, MSN, RN, APHN-BC is the Immunization Nurse Manager for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH). In this role, she serves as the Perinatal Hepatitis B Coordinator for the state, serves as a resource for providers and the public around vaccine preventable diseases, and responds to infectious disease emergencies when needed. Katie has had a diverse public health and nursing career, previously working for MDPH as an Infectious Disease Response Nurse, and then as a TB Surveillance Nurse. Katie has also worked as a pediatric cardiology nurse at Children's Hospital Boston, a Peace Corps Volunteer in Honduras, an epidemiologist at Peace Corps Headquarters in Washington, DC, and a community health planner for the HIV/AIDS Bureau of MDPH. Katie is a board certified public health nurse, and received her Master of Science in Nursing from Framingham State University in 2014. She also holds a Masters in Public Health from Boston University and a BS in Biology from SUNY Geneseo.

D. The Vaccinator Village – Working Together to Optimize Patient Encounters

Moderator:

Robyn Alie is the Manager of Health Policy and Public Health at the Massachusetts Medical Society, where she is responsible for public health communications, as well as strategy development, digital and traditional communications, public relations, policy, advocacy, professional education and volunteer management for a range of public health issues, including health disparities, occupational health, medical workforce diversity, environmental health, obesity, mental health, marijuana and stigma. The Massachusetts Medical Society is a professional association representing more than 25,000 physicians and medical students dedicated to educating and advocating for the patients and physicians of Massachusetts; the Massachusetts Medical Society is the publisher of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, a leading global medical journal and web site, and [NEJM Journal Watch](#) alerts and publications covering 13 specialties. Ms. Alie is Co-Facilitator of the Massachusetts Adult Immunization Coalition.

Speakers:

Judith A. Melin, M.A., M.D., FACP has served as a founding member of the ACO and MSO Boards of Lahey Health, and as Chief Medical Services Officer and in other leadership roles at Lahey including physician quality measurement, population health, medical management, information technology work, and health plan program planning and implementation, among many other areas.

At the national and state levels, Dr. Melin has served on National Quality Forum Expert Panels, American Hospital Association's Committee on Clinical Leadership, AHA's MACRA Physician Advisory Task Force, Massachusetts Health Quality Partners Board, Massachusetts Medical Society's Committee on Quality Medical Practice, Massachusetts Hospital Association's Clinical Issues Advisory Committee,

Eastern Massachusetts Healthcare Initiative's Steering Committee, the Bridges to Excellence design team, and others.

Dr. Melin graduated from Harvard College with high honors in Chemistry, from Harvard University with a Master's Degree in Chemistry, and earned her MD from Yale Medical School. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine at University Hospital in Boston, and earned the Graduate Management Certificate at Radcliffe Seminars. She is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, practices Primary Care at Lahey Health, and is a Deputy Editor at UpToDate, for Primary Care and Pathways.

Joanne Belanger, R.N., B.S., has worked in the field of Public Health since 1987. She started doing environmental work, septic and soils, camp inspections, food/restaurant inspections, housing code etc. For the last 20 years, as the Assistant Director, Joanne has been overseeing the clinical aspects of the Health Department. Joanne is an active member of many professional organizations including MAIC, Mass Association of Public Health Nurses (MAPHN) and an Executive Board member of the Massachusetts Health Offices Association (MHOA). She is also the Director of the Greater River Valley Medical Reserve Corp.(MRC), an eight town collaborative which Andover serves as the lead agency. MRC's have been established to organize and train local volunteers to assist Health Departments for both public health emergencies and non-emergency events. Joanne is a resident of Westford Mass. and is currently a member of the Westford Board of Health. She has a degree in Health Administration with a concentration in Public Administration from Providence College and a Nursing degree from Mass. Bay College.

Afternoon Keynote Presenter:

Litjen (L.J) Tan, MS, PhD is chief strategy officer for the Immunization Action Coalition (IAC), which he joined in January, 2013. Previously, Tan was director of medicine and public health at the American Medical Association (AMA) for 15 years.

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F. Adult Vaccine Storage and Handling

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G. Reimbursement of Adult Immunizations

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Brittany Rahall is the Program Manager, Public Provider Reimbursement, at Commonwealth Medicine. She manages the Vaccine Reimbursement Program which serves public health providers across Massachusetts as well as public school districts in the state of Maine. Since the program's inception, it has generated more than \$6 million in revenue for communities in MA and ME. Brittany also manages the Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Billing Program which coordinates billing and reimbursement activities for STI screening services conducted by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health State Lab. These programs allow state and local health care agencies to control health care costs, while increasing the value of their health care spending. These programs also drive Commonwealth Medicine's shared commitment to protect resources and create sustainable solutions for health care financing, while helping at-risk populations gain better access to quality health care. Brittany received a bachelor's degree in Political Communications from the George Washington University.

H. Community Networks – Working with Non-Traditional Partners on Immunization Projects

Moderator:

Lisa Leydon is a Manager for State Based Systems for the American Cancer Society. She has been with the organization for five years and has served in this position for the last three. Prior to that she was a manager for Hospital systems and worked in many Boston area facilities. Lisa also sits on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Cancer Coalition Steering Committee and various workgroups within that organization. She is a member of the Massachusetts immunization Coalition, Honoring Choices, and works with a number of insurance providers as well. Her desire is to make a difference in the fight for cancer and to give everyone the opportunity for many more birthdays.

Speakers:

Dr. Rosie Wagner, DDS, obtained her dental degree at the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine and completed a general practice residency at the Tufts School of Dental Medicine and Tufts Medical Center. She then founded a startup family practice in Somerville that focuses on treating patients with dentalphobia and fear of being judged for their oral status. Her practice welcomes patients with disabilities and special needs and has a primary focus on good patient-provider communication. Dr. Wagner is Chair-Elect of the Middlesex District and on the Membership

Committee of the Massachusetts Dental Society. She is also a starting member of the Massachusetts Oral HPV Prevention Taskforce through Dana Farber Cancer Institute and is a subject matter expert for the OHEP through the Department of Public Health. Dr. Wagner has lectured to dental and medical professionals on HPV-related cancers and prevention, environmental epidemiology, and dental entrepreneurship.

Mercy Anampiu has over 15 years of experience working in the Health and Human Service industry. She is currently employed at Lowell community Health Center (LCHC) as a Health Promotion and Education Manager. In this role Ms. Anampiu promotes health services for patients; supports professional development for staff and other health care professionals in the community; stimulates community engagement; and actively participates in health improvement initiatives. She consistently facilitates medical interpreting, chronic disease self-management, and cultural competence trainings. She founded and facilitates LCHC's African Advisory Board, oversees over 50 Community Health Workers and serves in various area boards and committees. Mercy is a Community Health Worker, advocate, educator, mentor, interpreter and "go to" person for many. She holds an MBA from Fitchburg University. Additionally, Mercy has received further professional development training from various health care and nonprofit leadership entities as part of her post graduate education to enhance her health care knowledge. Her passion is community organizing and working with marginalized populations to promote general well-being.

Molyka Tieng is a graduate from the University of Massachusetts Lowell with a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology in 2000. Working in social services has always been a passion of hers and she has gone on to pursue a career in the domestic violence field where she has been working with survivors for over 13 years. She has been with Lowell Community Health Center for over 10 years working in the Health Promotion Department as a Domestic Violence and Sexual Advocate and Community Health Outreach Coordinator. She is a Certified Community Health Worker and Medical Interpreter. She does continuous outreach in the communities the health center serves to bring awareness and education about services at the health center along with promoting the health center's Sexual Assault and Family Violence Education Program, also known as *SAFVE* which is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's RISE Program. She truly meets people where they are at. She also sits on a number of committees throughout the city of Lowell such as *Take Back the Night* which addresses sexual assault and domestic violence in our communities, *The Bike Rodeo* which promotes helmet safety, *Food Day* which increases awareness and access of healthy and affordable food options in our communities and *Lowell Women's Week* which helps to celebrate the work of Women in Greater Lowell. She is currently the Secretary on the Board of the Center for Hope and Healing (formerly known as the Rape Crisis Center of Greater Lowell), the Governor's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council, she is Vice President of the Board with the Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association and she used to Chair the Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival, which she has been involved in since 2009 and continues to provide support. In her most recent appointment she has joined the Board for the neighborhood group JAMBRA to represent the Health Center's needs and concerns in the area.