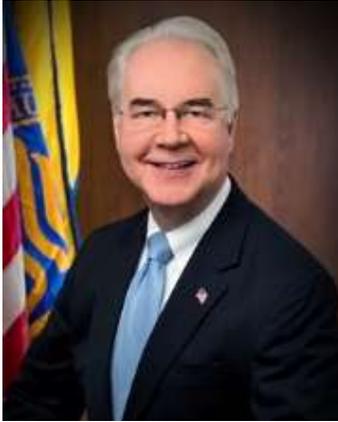


## Panelist Bios

### Thomas E. Price, MD



Thomas E. Price, MD was sworn in as the 23rd Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) on February 10, 2017. He brings to the Department a lifetime of service and a dedication to advancing the quality of healthcare in America – both as a physician and policymaker.

His first calling was to care for patients as an orthopaedic surgeon. Dr. Price received his Bachelor and Doctor of Medicine degrees from the University of Michigan and completed his Orthopaedic Surgery residency at Emory University. After his training and residency, Dr. Price – a third generation physician following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather – began a solo medical practice in Atlanta, GA, which would eventually grow to be one of the largest, non-academic orthopaedic practices in the country. During his 20 years as a practicing physician, he also served as Medical Director of the Orthopedic Clinic at Grady Memorial Hospital as well as an Assistant Professor at Emory University School of Medicine.

As with many physicians and healthcare providers, Dr. Price's experience caring for patients also gave him a unique perspective about the impact of public policy on the practice of medicine. Eager to broaden the impact he could have on improving access to quality healthcare, Dr. Price ran for public office and was elected to four terms in the Georgia State Senate – during which time he was chosen by his colleagues to serve as Senate Minority Whip and later as the first Republican Senate Majority Leader in the history of Georgia.

Most recently, Dr. Price served as the US Representative for Georgia's 6th Congressional District. He held this office from 2005-2017 and earned a reputation amongst his colleagues for being a tireless problem solver and the go-to expert on healthcare matters. During his congressional career, Dr. Price served in various leadership roles including, Chairman of the House Budget Committee, Chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee, and Chairman of the Republican Study Committee.

Committed to advancing positive solutions under principled leadership, Dr. Price remains a fierce advocate for a patient-centered healthcare system that adheres to six key principles: affordability, accessibility, quality, choices, innovation, and responsiveness. As Secretary, Dr. Price remains committed to these principles, administering a wide array of services, supporting life-saving research, and protecting and serving all Americans.

Additionally, he recognizes the Department must be efficient, effective, and accountable, as well as willing to partner with those in our communities who are already doing remarkable work. Under his leadership, HHS strives to preserve the promises that society has made to the American people.

Dr. Price and his wife, Betty, have lived in the Metro-Atlanta area for nearly 40 years. They have one adult son.

## **Kathleen M. Neuzil, MD, MPH**

Kathleen M. Neuzil, MD, MPH is the director of the Center for Vaccine Development (CVD) and the deputy director of the Institutes for Global Health at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. As Director of CVD, Dr. Neuzil leads an academic vaccine research and development enterprise that is engaged in the full range of vaccinology-from basic laboratory science research through vaccine development, early clinical evaluation, large-scale pre-licensure field studies, and post-licensure assessments. The mission of the CVD is to harness the power of vaccines to prevent disease and save lives, with a focus on the most vulnerable populations.



Dr. Neuzil has over two decades of experience in infectious diseases and vaccine science, policy, and introduction. Throughout her career, she has conducted clinical and epidemiologic studies on vaccine-preventable diseases, with an emphasis on viral infections and vaccines – including influenza, rotavirus, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), Japanese encephalitis virus, and human papillomavirus (HPV). Before joining the University of Maryland in 2015, Dr. Neuzil was a Clinical Professor at the University of Washington School of Medicine and directed PATH's activities in vaccine access and delivery, with a focus on developing and advancing strategies, technologies, and interventions that help move research achievements in immunization into routine use in the field. Dr. Neuzil provided strategic leadership, direction, and technical guidance for a variety of vaccine projects and studies, including work on maternal immunization.

Dr. Neuzil has extensive experience in domestic and international policy, including membership on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the Pandemic Influenza Task Force for the Infectious Disease Society of America, and as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases. Dr. Neuzil has worked with the World Health Organization as a technical advisor on influenza and diarrheal diseases, as a member of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts rotavirus vaccine working group, and member of the Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety working group on the safety of vaccines in pregnancy. She has contributed more than 160 scientific papers on vaccines and infectious diseases. She is currently an Associate Editor of the journal *Vaccine* and on the editorial board of *npj Vaccines*.

Dr. Neuzil received her BS in zoology from the University of Maryland, College Park, her MD from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and her MPH from Vanderbilt University. She received her training in internal medicine and infectious diseases at Vanderbilt University.

## **William Schaffner, MD (Moderator)**



William Schaffner, MD is medical director of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) and professor of preventive medicine and infectious diseases at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, TN. He also serves as a hospital epidemiologist at Vanderbilt University Hospital.

Dr. Schaffner is a past-president of NFID and is a member of numerous other professional societies, including the Infectious Diseases Society of America, American College of Physicians, Society of Healthcare Epidemiology of America, and American Public Health Association. He currently serves as NFID liaison to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

Dr. Schaffner is active in the field of infectious disease research and has authored or co-authored more than 400 published studies, reviews, and book chapters on infectious diseases. He currently serves on the editorial board of a number of scientific journals, including the Journal of Infectious Diseases, Vaccine, and the CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR). He is a featured blog author for The Huffington Post and Infectious Disease News.

His work has focused on all aspects of infectious diseases including epidemiology, infection control, and immunization. He was the recipient of the inaugural 2017 National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO) UpShot Award winner for excellence in vaccine communication. In 2013, he received the John P. Utz Leadership Award from NFID for his longstanding service to NFID and the field of infectious diseases. In 2009, he received the James D. Bruce Award from the American College of Physicians for “distinguished contributions to preventive medicine.” Dr. Schaffner has worked extensively on the effective use of vaccines in both pediatric and adult populations. He is a strong proponent of collaboration between academic medical centers and public health institutions.

## **Patricia A. Stinchfield, RN, MS, CPNP, CIC**

Patricia (Patsy) A. Stinchfield, RN, MS, CIC is a pediatric nurse practitioner in infectious disease at Children’s Minnesota who specializes in vaccine-preventable diseases. She is the Senior Director of Infection Prevention and Control and the Children’s Immunization Project at Children’s Minnesota.

She is a widely recognized infectious diseases specialist, having served as the first nurse voting member of the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) where she continues as a liaison member today serving on the Influenza Working Group.



Patsy led the Hospital Incident Command efforts at Children’s during the 2017 measles outbreak. She has been instrumental in increasing the Children’s Minnesota staff flu vaccine rate to 94% and sustained that over several seasons.

Patsy is the Secretary of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) and a member of the NFID Board of Directors.