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Carol J. Baker, MD, is professor of pediatrics and of molecular virology and microbiology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. She also is the Texas Children's Hospital Foundation Chair in Pediatric Infectious Diseases. Dr. Baker serves as Past President of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases and is Vice-Chair of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Previously, she has been Secretary of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society, President of the Infectious Diseases Society of America and a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Infectious Diseases.

Dr. Baker's work has focused on all aspects of pediatric infectious diseases, particularly all aspects of group B streptococcal infections including research to develop a vaccine. Her work policy work in the early 1990s led to the U.S. recommendations for intrapartum chemoprophylaxis to prevent early-onset group B streptococcal disease in neonates. In 1997, Dr. Baker was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award and in 2007 of the Distinguished Physician Award, each from the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society. In 2008 she received the Distinguished Alumna Award from Baylor College of Medicine and the Mentor Award from the Infectious Diseases Society of America.

A widely published researcher in pediatrics and infectious diseases, Dr. Baker has authored or co-authored more than 300 original articles, reviews and book chapters. She is an associate editor of the 2000, 2003, 2006 and 2009 *Red Book* published by the American Academy of Pediatrics and an editor of *Infectious Diseases of the Fetus and Newborn Infant* (6th edition).

Dr. Baker received her medical degree, completed her residency and held fellowships in the department of pediatrics, infectious disease section at Baylor College of Medicine. She was a research fellow in medicine at Harvard Medical School and a clinical fellow in medicine at Boston City Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Baker received her undergraduate degree from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, California.