



Flu Care in Day Care Panelist Bios

Carol J. Baker, MD

Carol J. Baker, MD, is professor of pediatrics, molecular virology and microbiology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX. She was head of the section of infectious diseases in the Department of Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine for 25 years.

Dr. Baker is past-president of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) and has served as chair of the *Childhood Influenza Immunization Coalition* (CIIC) since it was founded in 2007. She is immediate past chair of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and former president of the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA). She is a member of many professional societies, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society, and Society for Pediatric Research.

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, in 2010 the Mentor Award, and 2011 a Society Citation for outstanding achievements in the field of Infectious Disease, both from the IDSA.

A widely published researcher in pediatrics and infectious diseases, Dr. Baker has authored or coauthored more than 400 published studies, reviews, and book chapters. She also was an associate editor of the 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009, and 2012 Red Book published by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr. Baker received her medical degree and completed her residency at Baylor College of Medicine. She also served fellowships in the Department of Pediatrics, Infectious Disease Section at Baylor College of Medicine and was a research fellow in medicine at Harvard Medical School and a clinical fellow in medicine at Boston City Hospital in Boston, MA. Dr. Baker received her undergraduate degree from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, CA.

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Renée Noël is the Assistant Director of Field Operations for the Bureau of Child Care, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. She has worked with the Bureau of Child Care for seven years and with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for 17 years.

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