

CIIC June 2012 Webinar Overview

The upcoming influenza season marks five years since NFID established its Childhood Influenza Immunization Coalition (CIIC) to encourage and support the movement toward universal influenza pediatric immunization and help improve vaccination rates. In recognition of this milestone, CIIC held a special member webinar in June to review progress and discuss ongoing and new challenges as it continues its work to heighten awareness and education about childhood influenza.

Carol J. Baker, MD, CIIC chair, past president of NFID and professor of Pediatrics, Molecular Virology, and Microbiology at Baylor College of Medicine, moderated the session, which included presentations and in-depth discussions from members representing leading public health, medical, patient, and parent groups. Dr. Baker recognized the importance of the members' collaborative efforts, and stressed there is more work to be done to increase protection of children from influenza. As an outcome, CIIC will develop a progress report on childhood influenza to outline successes and strategies moving forward.

Erin Kennedy, DVM, MPH, of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Immunization Services Division shared an overview of childhood influenza vaccination coverage rates over a four year period, which showed an upward trend, increasing from 42 percent in the 2008-2009 season to 51 percent in 2010-2011.

Looking at how attitudes about pediatric influenza prevention have evolved, Susan Rehm, MD, NFID medical director, vice chair, department of Infectious Disease at Cleveland Clinic, presented insights from research commissioned by NFID over the last four years. One area she highlighted has remained constant throughout all of NFID's research: the importance of a healthcare professional's recommendation in motivating parents to vaccinate their children.

Several CIIC members addressed key areas of focus moving forward, including:

- Dr. Winston Price of the National Medical Association and Dr. Norma Villanueva of the National Hispanic Medical Association discussed the importance of meeting communications needs of diverse populations for increasing influenza vaccination.
- Dr. Henry Bernstein of the American Academy of Pediatrics stressed the importance of the second dose to fully protect children under age 9 and reviewed the 2012 AAP pediatric influenza vaccination algorithm.
- Debra Hawks and Anna Dean of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists presented strategies for increasing protection among pregnant women, highlighting a recent ACOG pilot program that provided training and support for ob-gyn practices to help increase office-based vaccination.
- Dr. Baker called for heightened awareness and education among adolescents and their parents, as this age group has lower vaccination rates than other pediatric populations. She emphasized the universal recommendation provides an opportunity to make influenza vaccination a family affair and thus extend protection to more people.

For more information about CIIC, as well as up-to-date resources and tools, visit www.Preventchildhoodinfluenza.org.

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Dr. Ofit earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Tufts University in 1973, and his MD degree from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1977. He completed his internship and residency in pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, where he went on to complete a fellowship in infectious diseases. His affiliation with the Children's Hospital continues today, as he now serves as Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases and the Director of the Vaccine Education Center.

Infectious Disease News Conference Held

The **National Foundation for Infectious Diseases** (NFID) held its 17th Annual Richard J. Duma/NFID News Conference and Symposium on Infectious Diseases on June 5, 2012. The event which took place via webinar, and is named for former NFID president and executive director **Richard J. Duma, MD, PhD**.

The panel of esteemed presenters provided updates on a number of infectious disease issues of interest:

- **C. difficile Infections: Prevention and Treatment - Dale N. Gerding, MD**, Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine
- **Hepatitis C - Eliot Godofsky, MD**, University Hepatitis Center in Bradenton, Florida
- **Vaccination for Pregnant Women – Richard Beigi, MD, M.Sc**, University of Pittsburgh, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences
- **Measles 2011: Lessons Learned – Patricia Stinchfield, RN, MS**, CPNP, Children’s Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota

View the webinar and get additional information at <http://www.nfid.org/duma2012>

Clinical Vaccinology Course Scheduled

The **National Foundation for Infectious Diseases** (NFID) will sponsor its Clinical Vaccinology Course, November 2 -4, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Miami and March 8 – 10, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. The course is co-sponsored by the NFID, Emory Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases and the Emory Vaccine Center.

Course collaborating organizations include the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College Health Association, American Medical Association, American Pharmacists Association, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Community Pharmacists Associations, Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine and the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists.

The course is specifically designed for primary care physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, physician assistants, public health specialists, infectious disease specialists and other health care professionals involved with clinical aspects of vaccinology.

The Clinical Vaccinology Course will feature sessions addressing:

- How Vaccines Work
- Updates from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)
- Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Issues
- Clinical Cases in Vaccinology
- Adult and Adolescent Immunization Updates
- Childhood Immunization Challenges
- Special Vaccine Issues



- Vaccines and Special Populations
- Communication Issues

The courses include three keynote presentations: *An Overview of Vaccinology*, *Vaccines Across the Lifespan and Influenza Vaccines*. A new feature this year is a multidisciplinary panel discussion on *Increasing Vaccination Rates through the Immunization Neighborhood*.

In addition, the course will feature Meet the Experts breakfast networking session. For registration and other information, including detailed agenda, visit www.nfid.org

16th Annual Conference on Vaccine Research

The **National Foundation for Infectious Diseases** (NFID) will sponsor the Sixteenth Annual Conference on Vaccine Research on April 22-24, 2013, at the Hyatt Regency Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland.

The conference is designed to bring together the diverse disciplines involved in the research and development of vaccines. Expert faculty from various disciplines will present the latest vaccine-related scientific data, results, and issues via symposia and panel discussions. The conference plenary sessions will focus on the following topics:

- Progress in Eradication
- Prospects for New Tuberculosis Vaccines
- Prevention of Infant Infections/Material Immunization
- Malaria Vaccines
- New and Emerging Vaccines for Respiratory Infections
- Vaccine Discovery and New Technology
- Meet the Experts breakfast sessions
- Awards luncheon with presentations of the Robert Austrian Memorial Lecture and the Charles Merieux and Maurice R. Hilleman Early-stage Career Investigator Awards



A call for abstracts will open in October.

The conference agenda and additional information are available at www.nfid.org or e-mail: vaccine@nfid.org

Joint NFID/IDSA Postdoctoral Fellowship and Young Investigator Awards Announced

The **National Foundation for Infectious Diseases** (NFID) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2012 Association of Subspecialty Professors Young Investigator grant in Geriatrics and the Merle A. Sande/Pfizer Fellowship in International Infectious Diseases. The awards, presented in partnership by NFID and the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), assist infectious diseases specialists in furthering their research.

The Association of Subspecialty Professors Young Investigator Award in Geriatrics

David van Duin, MD, PhD is the recipient of the 2012 Association of Subspecialty Professors Young Investigator Award in geriatrics. The award provides support to infectious diseases faculty within the first four years of their appointment who are interested in academic careers focused on geriatric medicine aspects of a subspecialty. Award recipients must develop and implement a basic, clinical, or health services research project encompassing the geriatric aspects of infectious diseases.

Dr. van Duin is a staff physician at the Cleveland Clinic. His research project will focus on the impact of human aging on the immune system and how age-related immune changes affect outcomes to infection and vaccination

Merle A. Sande/Pfizer Fellowship in International Infectious Diseases

John David Szumowski, MD, MPH is the recipient of the 2012 Merle A. Sande/Pfizer Fellowship in International Infectious Diseases. The award is given for important clinical research in infectious diseases and/or HIV/AIDS conducted in a resource-limited setting.

Dr. Szumowski is a senior fellow in the division of allergy and infectious diseases at the University of Washington. His research will build upon recent insights into the host determinants that influence the response of patients with tuberculosis meningitis to adjunctive corticosteroid treatment. Dr. Szumowski's research will be conducted in Durban, South Africa.

NFID Awards Dinner Announced

The **National Foundation for Infectious Diseases** is pleased to announce its 2013 Awards Dinner honoring:

Dr. Paul Offit
2013 Maxwell Finland Award Recipient

Dr. Adetokunbo O. Lucas
2013 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Humanitarian Award Recipient

Tuesday, March 5, 2013
Ritz Carlton Pentagon City
Arlington, Virginia

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