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#### Message from the President

As the summer begins, my tenure as NFID President is ending. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as President during this time, a period of significant change and transition.

Among the highlights of changes, we amended the bylaws to convert the governance of NFID to one Board of Directors, moved the headquarters office to new space after 29 years, and most importantly, welcomed a new executive director, after devoting much time and energy to the search for the right leader. Impressively, we received more than 80 applications from highly qualified individuals for the position, which I believe reflects the highly-regarded status of NFID. After a thorough search process, Marla Dalton was selected as the new Executive Director and she has provided exemplary leadership during her first year. Of course, the staff also deserves credit for the continued successes of NFID and I thank each of them for their service.

Additionally, I would like to acknowledge the contributions of our medical director, Susan J. Rehm, MD, who has overseen for many years the development and implementation of our educational and outreach programs which have continued to increase the visibility of NFID. Special thanks also go to all of the Directors and particularly, to the members of the Executive Committee for their contributions during my time as NFID President. I would especially like to thank Joseph A. Bocchini, MD, NFID Continuing Professional Education committee chair, whose efforts resulted in our current Accreditation with

Commendation status, an honor designated by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to less than 25% of all accredited organizations; as well as Georges Peter, MD, NFID Finance Committee chair, who presented a very sound financial statement for NFID at the June 2014 Board meeting. We are certainly in a strong position to move forward with our mission of providing high quality educational programs for both healthcare professionals and the public.

At the recent Board meeting we had the opportunity to enjoy the new NFID office space during an evening reception and we held a very interactive and productive strategic planning session which resulted in an productive discussion regarding NFID's mission, objectives, and goals. It is with great confidence that I now hand the gavel of NFID presidency to Patrick Joseph, MD.

Best regards,

Tom

Thomas M. File, Jr., MD

NFID President



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## New Report Addressing the Challenges of Serogroup B Meningococcal Disease Outbreaks on Campuses



Recent meningococcal B outbreaks on college campuses have increased awareness about the lack of available vaccines to protect against this particular strain of meningococcal bacteria. The unique challenges faced in responding to this unpredictable disease led NFID to assemble a group of experts to review responses to these

outbreaks and outline strategies for improving future public health responses to outbreaks. The resulting report, [Addressing the Challenges of Serogroup B Meningococcal Disease Outbreaks on Campuses](#), was developed based upon the discussion held April 8, 2014. The report was widely-distributed through the American College Health Association annual meeting, the recent June 26, 2014

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), and highlighted in [NFID News](#).

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## Family Vaccines Resource Center



family-vaccines.org

### Need resources on vaccines to share with new parents?



- ✓ The website is an online compilation of free resources for expectant mothers, new parents, and healthcare professionals
- ✓ Information is easy to find and includes resources on current vaccine recommendations, news, and interactive tools

NFID, in partnership with the American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, has developed a new website to help expectant mothers become lifetime vaccine advocates for their entire family.

Visit [www.family-vaccines.org](http://www.family-vaccines.org) for valuable resources for both healthcare professionals and consumers.

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## Journal-Based CME Series: Pertussis

NFID has developed a [journal-based CME series on pertussis](#) based on presentations from the Working Group Meeting on Pertussis, held March 2013 in Bethesda, MD. The meeting was sponsored by the Infectious Diseases Society of America, NFID, Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society, and National Vaccine Program Office. The CME activities are designed to update and discuss current knowledge, practice gaps, and challenges in the causes, treatment, and prevention of pertussis.

There are no fees for participating in the Pertussis CME series.

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## Major League Baseball Teams to Promote Flu Season Awareness



In September 2014, NFID will partner with Major League Baseball teams, the Oakland A's and the Washington Nationals, for special evenings of baseball and influenza awareness.

### [Oakland A's Flu Awareness Night](#)

Friday, September 5, 2014 at 7:05 PM PT (vs. Houston Astros)  
Oakland, CA

### [Washington Nationals 3rd Annual Flu Season Awareness Night](#)

Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 7:05 PM ET (vs. Atlanta Braves)  
Washington, DC

[Purchase tickets](#) for a chance to join us and cheer on the home team while spreading flu-prevention awareness!

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## Flu Awareness at the Indy 500

The NFID public service announcement, [Freddie the Flu Detective](#), was recently featured on the jumbotron during the Indy 500—the highest attended sporting event in the world—in Indianapolis, IN between May 23 and May 25, 2014 to help spread the word about the importance of flu prevention through vaccination.

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### **Fall 2014 Clinical Vaccinology Course**

The 2014 Fall Clinical Vaccinology Course is scheduled for November 7-9, 2014 in Houston, TX. **Register by September 29, 2014 to save \$100!**

Visit [www.nfid.org/evc](http://www.nfid.org/evc) for additional information and online registration.

Not able to attend? [Purchase the 2014 Spring Clinical Vaccinology Course syllabus.](#)

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### **Antimicrobial Stewardship Activities**

NFID is collaborating with several organizations to promote antimicrobial stewardship, a top priority of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2014. NFID activities include:

- Collaborating with [MAD-ID](#) to provide continuing medical education (CME) credit for their 2014 annual meeting;
- Promoting the [16<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Staphylococci & Staphylococcal Infections \(ISSSI\)](#) scheduled for August 26-29, 2014 in Chicago, IL;
- Joined the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) and more than 20 organizations in a letter to Congress urging lawmakers to pass the Antibiotic Development to Advance Patient Treatment ([ADAPT Act](#)) that would establish the Limited Population Antibacterial Drug pathway to speed patient access to new antibacterial drugs that treat serious or life-threatening infections where an unmet medical need exists; and
- Joined the IDSA US Stakeholder Forum on Antimicrobial Resistance (S-FAR) to help coordinate efforts to inform and advise the US government on matters relating to antibiotic resistance.

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## NFID News

View the most popular NFID blog posts below:

### [Vaccine Storage and Handling Really Matters](#)

Kelly L. Moore, MD, MPH, Director of the Tennessee Immunization Program at the Tennessee Department of Health, discusses the importance of proper vaccine storage and handling. ([more...](#))

### [Disease Outbreaks at All Time High](#)

Vaccines are one of the greatest public health accomplishments. They have saved tens of millions of lives since their introduction and have led to the elimination, or near-elimination, of numerous infectious diseases. ([more...](#))

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## Global Infectious Disease Community Mourns the Loss of **Ciro de Quadros**

Dr. **Ciro de Quadros**, MD, MPH was a champion of global disease eradication and had recently been honored by the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization as a Public Health Hero of the Americas, the organization's highest distinction. He also served as a longstanding member of the Organizing Committee for the NFID Annual Conference on Vaccine Research.



During his illustrious career, Dr. de Quadros led an immunization campaign that eradicated polio in Latin America and the Caribbean. In addition to his work in polio, Dr. de Quadros led the general immunization programs for the Pan American Health Organization and in recent years, led the Sabin Vaccine Institute's efforts towards global eradication of polio.

Dr. de Quadros will be missed by the global infectious disease community.

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## Upcoming NFID Events

August 26-29, 2014: [16<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Staphylococci & Staphylococcal Infections](#), Chicago, IL

September 5, 2014: [Flu Awareness Night at Oakland A's](#), Oakland, CA

September 9, 2014: [Flu Awareness Night at Washington Nationals](#), Washington, DC

November 7-9, 2014: [Fall Clinical Vaccinology Course](#), Houston, TX

March 13-15, 2015: [Clinical Vaccinology Course](#), Denver, CO

April 13-15, 2015: [18th Annual Conference on Vaccine Research](#), Bethesda, MD

November 13-15, 2015: [Spring Clinical Vaccinology Course](#), Bethesda, MD

April 18-20, 2016: [19th Annual Conference on Vaccine Research](#), Baltimore, MD

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