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Message from the President

As we approach the end of the calendar year marking the 40th anniversary of NFID, I'd like to take the opportunity to reflect on the changes that have occurred at the Foundation this year and encourage you to demonstrate your continued support through the [2013 NFID Annual Campaign](#) and ask you to join me in helping to further our mission with your donation. To help us reach our fundraising goal of \$40,000, visit www.nfid.org/donate to make an online donation today.



Thanks to your support, NFID was able to accomplish many public and professional outreach activities. We also experienced a series of operational changes as follows:

In July, we welcomed Marla Dalton, CAE as our new Executive Director. She came to us with great experience and is well positioned to lead us forward during this exciting time. Following Len Novick's long-standing record of success, we look forward to continued success with Marla at the helm. This spring, we also welcomed Ellyn Terry as Senior Director, Education and Public Outreach. Ellyn came to us from the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology.

In August, after more than 25 years in the same location, NFID moved its offices to 7201 Wisconsin Avenue in Bethesda, MD. Of interest, however, the suite number did not change—still 750. What has also not changed is

our dedication to our mission---educating the public and healthcare professionals about the causes, treatment, and prevention of infectious diseases. We have continued to achieve our goals through our outstanding courses/conferences in clinical vaccinology and vaccine research, and public-facing press conferences. NFID also conducts valuable surveys among the public and healthcare professionals and continues to garner media interest with the results of these surveys.

I proudly acknowledge this year as the 40th anniversary of NFID and look forward to the next 40. Happy Anniversary and Happy Holidays to all!

Tom

Thomas M. File, Jr., MD
NFID President

P.S. As a 501(c)(3) organization, your donation is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Through direct contributions, NFID is able to conduct public awareness and professional education activities towards the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases.

NFID News

[Subscribe](#) to the NFID blog, [NFID News](#). Most read posts are as follows:

[National Influenza Vaccination Week: Don't Stop Now!](#)

As we come together to recognize [National Influenza Vaccination Week \(NIVW\)](#) on December 8-14, 2013, it is heartening to know that last flu season, [more children were vaccinated against influenza than ever before](#). This represents tremendous progress in childhood influenza immunization since the Childhood Influenza Immunization Coalition (CIIC) was created in 2007, and we don't want to stop now! [Read more](#)



[Take Steps to Prevent Flu](#)

[National Influenza Vaccination Week](#) (NIVW), was observed during the week of December 8, 2013. This national observance was established to highlight the importance of annual influenza vaccination. Influenza, more commonly referred to as the flu, is a serious and contagious respiratory illness that affects 5-20% of the US population and hospitalizes over 200,000 people every year. [Read more](#)



[This Holiday Season, Spread Joy, Not Whooping Cough](#)

Special thanks to Thomas A. Clark, MD, MPH acting branch chief in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Meningitis and Vaccine Preventable Diseases Branch for his guest blog post on the importance of vaccination in preventing pertussis (whooping cough). [Read more](#)



[Making Influenza Prevention a National Health Priority](#)

In September 2013, NFID hosted its annual Influenza/Pneumococcal News Conference at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. Panelists included Dr. Howard K. Koh, Assistant Secretary for Health at the US Department of Health and Human Services; Dr. Anne Schuchat, Assistant Surgeon General, US Public Health Service and Director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. [Read more](#)



[A Night at the Ballpark Raising Flu Awareness](#)

NFID kicked off its 2013-2014 influenza (flu) season awareness activities with the 2nd Annual Flu Awareness Night at Nationals Park in Washington, DC on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 to a crowd of 36,000 fans. Originally planned for Monday 9/16, the event was rescheduled due to the tragic events at the Navy Yard. [Read more](#)



NFID Awarded Accreditation with Commendation by ACCME

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) has been resurveyed by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) and awarded Accreditation with Commendation for 6 years as a provider of continuing medical education for physicians. Accreditation with Commendation is the highest level of accreditation awarded by the ACCME.

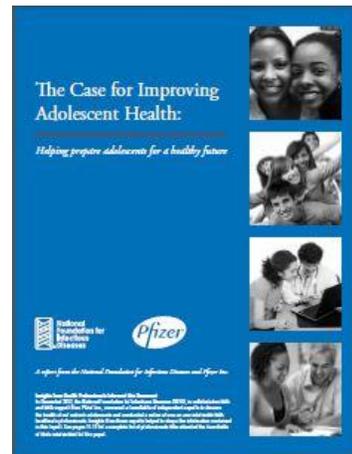


ACCME accreditation seeks to assure the medical community and the public that NFID provides physicians with relevant, effective, practice-based continuing medical education that supports US healthcare quality improvement.

The ACCME employs a rigorous, multilevel process for evaluating institutions' continuing medical education programs according to the high accreditation standards adopted by all seven ACCME member organizations in the US, including the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association, the Association for Hospital Medical Education, the Association of American Medical Colleges, the Council of Medical Specialty Societies, and the Federation of State Medical Boards of the US, Inc.

Adolescent Health and Wellness Initiative

Earlier this year, in collaboration with Pfizer Inc., NFID conducted a national survey regarding adolescent health. The survey included more than 2,000 parents of teens, teens, and healthcare professionals. A key finding was the disconnect among parents and teens between the effect of today's lifestyle choices and future impacts on health. Teens seem to be more aware of their health issues than their parents perceive. The findings have been summarized in a report, [The Case for Adolescent Health](#), that will be helpful in developing future strategies for better uptake of health-related considerations (including adolescent immunizations) in this population.



NFID Honors Leaders in Global Infectious Diseases

The 2014 Awards Dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 4th at the Ritz Carlton Pentagon City. This annual fundraiser highlights the presentation of the [Maxwell Finland Scientific](#) and the [Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Humanitarian](#) Awards and celebrates NFID's accomplishments.

Richard L. Guerrant, MD, will receive the 2014 Maxwell Finland Award. Dr. Guerrant is an internationally known expert in infectious diseases and global health. He graduated from Davidson and University of Virginia School of Medicine. He founded the Nation's first Trans-University Center for Global Health in 2001. Dr. Guerrant has worked in the Congo, Bangladesh, Brazil and South Africa. He is currently leading a \$30 million project on "Malnutrition as an Enteric Disease." The initiative is supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Dr. Guerrant has authored over 550 scientific and clinical articles, reviews and major textbook chapters.

David A. Walton, MD, MPH will receive the 2014 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Award. Dr. Walton is a leading expert in community-based care of AIDS/HIV. He entered Harvard Medical School in 1998. He began his residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital where he is currently an associate physician in the Division of Global Health Equity. Dr. Walton first traveled to Haiti following his first year at Harvard as a research assistant to Dr. Paul Farmer and the Partners in Health organization. Since 2008 Dr. Walton has accomplished many humanitarian and public education activities including staffing a small clinic in Lascahobas in Haiti.

Visit the [Awards Dinner](#) website to learn more about sponsorship opportunities and to purchase tickets online.

Spring 2014 Clinical Vaccinology Course

The 2 1/2 day [2014 Spring Clinical Vaccinology Course](#) is targeted to physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, physician assistants, pharmacists, public health professionals, vaccine program administrators, and other healthcare professionals interested in clinical aspects of vaccine delivery. The course provides critical information about vaccines, including the latest ACIP immunization recommendations and strategies to increase vaccination rates.

The next course is scheduled for March 21-23, 2014 in Seattle, WA. Continuing Education credits available for physicians, nurses, and pharmacists will be available. Register today! **Save \$100 when you register by February 20!**

NFID Hosts 17th Annual Conference on Vaccine Research

The 17th Annual Conference on Vaccine Research is scheduled for April 28-30, 2014 in Bethesda, MD. The conference provides high-quality, current reports of scientific progress and best practices featured in both invited presentations and submitted oral abstracts and posters. By bringing together the diverse disciplines involved in the research and development of vaccines and associated technologies for disease control through immunization, the conference is designed to encourage the exchange of ideas across a broad range of disciplines. Attendees include international scientists and researchers, healthcare professionals and trainees, veterinarians, vaccine manufacturers, and public health officials.



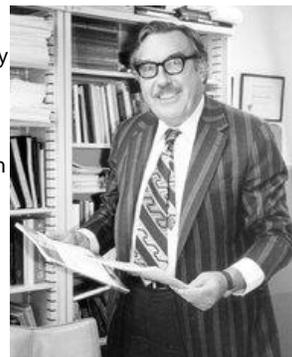
Keynote speakers include:

- Gregory A. Poland, MD, director, Mayo Vaccine Group, Mayo Clinic - *Vaccinology 2.0 in the 21st Century*
- Penny Heaton, MD, director of Vaccine Development, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, *Global Health*

Visit the [conference website](#) for program details, online registration, and sponsorship information.

NFID Mourns the Loss of Dr. James H. Steele

NFID and the infectious disease community lost an important leader in veterinary pioneer, James H. Steele, DVM, PhD. Dr. Steele died peacefully on November 10, 2013 in Houston, TX at the age of 100. He was a long-term supporter of NFID and previously served on the Board of Directors. Dr. Steele is credited with the creation of many vaccination and prevention programs in the US such as rabies and bovine brucellosis. He worked with the CDC to setup various programs and visited many countries to establish veterinary public health programs. Dr. Steele served as chief veterinary officer in the office of the Surgeon General in 1949. He became the Nation's first assistant surgeon general in 1968 and deputy secretary for health and human services in 1970.



In the forward to the book *One Man, One Medicine, One Health: The James H. Steele Story*, NFID Director, Lonnie J. King, DVM, spoke of Dr. Steele stating "This gregarious and larger than life personality has been mentor for a countless number of people, including myself, and an exceptional visionary always working to create new opportunities and a special future for all of us who have followed his lead."

Dr. Steele was a leader, teacher, mentor, colleague, and friend to many and his legacy will have a continued impact on the medical community.

Antibiotic Stewardship - The Ultimate Return on Investment

NFID joined the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in observance of 'Get Smart About Antibiotics Week' in November 2013.



Did you know?

1. Antibiotic resistance is one of the world's most pressing public health threats.
2. Antibiotics are the most important tool we have to combat life-threatening bacterial diseases, but antibiotics can have side effects.
3. Antibiotic overuse increases the development of drug-resistant germs.
4. Patients, healthcare providers, hospital administrators, and policy makers must work together to employ effective strategies for improving antibiotic use—ultimately improving medical care and saving lives. [Read more](#)

Celebrating NFID's 40th Anniversary

As NFID marks its 40th anniversary, The Double Helix takes a look back at important activities in the organization's history. In this issue, Former NFID Executive Director, William J. Martone, MD reflects on the development of the Annual Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance (ACAR):

Prior to the 2002 launch of the Annual Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance (ACAR), an NFID advisory committee of over 20 representatives of government, academia, industry, public health organizations, professional societies and other non-governmental organizations reviewed the need for such a conference. This group reached a unanimous conclusion: an annual conference on antimicrobial resistance was needed to provide antimicrobial resistance a scientific "home." Closely following the committee's recommendations, the ACAR was designed to provide a forum for individuals of all professional disciplines with a stake in antimicrobial resistance to meet, discuss, and present information on the science, prevention and control of antimicrobial resistance, and to define contemporary issues and potential solutions to the problem. The ACAR also provided a forum for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, and the Food and Drug Administration to review, update, and report on the progress of the Public Health Action Plan to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance. The format included invited presentations and investigator submitted oral and poster presentation and provided continuing medical education credits for physicians.

According to Dr. Martone, "ACAR provided an important forum for professionals from multiple disciplines with a stake in antimicrobial resistance to meet, discuss, and present information on the science, prevention, and control of antimicrobial resistance, and to define contemporary issues and potential solutions to the problem."

Upcoming NFID Events

March 4, 2014: [Awards Dinner](#), Arlington, VA

March 21-23, 2014: [Clinical Vaccinology Course](#), Seattle, WA

April 28-30, 2014: [17th Annual Conference on Vaccine Research](#), Bethesda, MD

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

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

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