

## Panelist Bios

### Alex M. Azar II



Alex M. Azar II was sworn in as the Secretary of Health and Human Services on January 29, 2018. Azar graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in economics and government from Dartmouth College and earned his law degree from Yale University.

Azar has spent his career working in both the public and private sectors, as an attorney and in senior leadership roles focused on advancing healthcare reform, research, and innovation.

From 2001 to 2007, Azar served at the US Department of Health and Human Services—first as General Counsel (2001–2005) and then as Deputy Secretary. During his time as Deputy Secretary, Azar was involved in improving the department's operations; advancing its emergency preparedness and response capabilities as well as its global health affairs activities; and helping oversee the rollout of the Medicare Part D prescription drug program.

In 2007, Azar rejoined the private sector as senior vice president for corporate affairs and communications at Eli Lilly and Co. From 2012 to 2017, he served as president of Lilly USA LLC, the company's largest affiliate. Azar clerked for US Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia prior to practicing law for several years.

### William B. Borden, MD



William B. Borden, MD, is associate professor of medicine and health policy at George Washington University, and chief quality and population health officer at GW Medical Faculty Associates. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and his medical degree from the Johns Hopkins University. He completed his internal medicine residency and cardiology fellowship at the University of Chicago, where he also served one year as chief medical resident and earned an MBA. Dr. Borden is board certified in cardiovascular diseases and clinical lipidology.

Dr. Borden specializes in preventive cardiology, the treatment of complex cholesterol disorders, and diagnosing and treating general cardiovascular diseases. In addition to practicing cardiology, Dr. Borden leads the GW Medical Faculty Associates initiatives to provide high-quality, appropriate, patient-centered care.

Dr. Borden previously served as a senior advisor to the assistant secretary for planning and evaluation at the US Department of Health and Human Services and as a medical officer at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Dr. Borden's research focuses on policy approaches to improving quality of care and has been published in journals such as JAMA, JAMA Internal Medicine, Circulation, and the Journal of the American College of

Cardiology. He serves as an associate editor of *Circulation: Cardiovascular Quality and Outcomes*. Dr. Borden is an active volunteer with both the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology.

## **William Schaffner, MD (Moderator)**



William Schaffner, MD, is medical director of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) and professor of preventive medicine and infectious diseases at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. He also serves as a hospital epidemiologist at Vanderbilt University Hospital.

Dr. Schaffner currently serves as NFID liaison to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. He is a past-president of NFID and is a member of numerous other professional societies, including the Infectious Diseases Society of America, American College of Physicians, Society of Healthcare Epidemiology of America, and American Public Health Association.

Dr. Schaffner is active in the field of infectious disease research and has authored or co-authored more than 400 published studies, reviews, and book chapters on infectious diseases. He currently serves on the editorial board of a number of scientific journals, including *The Journal of Infectious Diseases*, *Vaccine*, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*. He is a featured blog author for *The Huffington Post* and *Infectious Disease News*.

His work has focused on all aspects of infectious diseases including epidemiology, infection control, and immunization. He was the recipient of the inaugural 2017 National Vaccine Program Office UpShot Award for excellence in vaccine communication. In 2013, he received the John P. Utz Leadership Award from NFID for his longstanding service to the organization and the field of infectious diseases. In 2009, he received the James D. Bruce Award from the American College of Physicians for distinguished contributions to preventive medicine. Dr. Schaffner has worked extensively on the effective use of vaccines in both pediatric and adult populations.

## **Patricia N. Whitley-Williams, MD**



Patricia N. Whitley-Williams, MD, is president-elect of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID). Dr. Whitley-Williams is a professor of pediatrics and chief of the Division of Pediatric Allergy, Immunology, and Infectious Diseases at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. A native of Boston, she received a bachelor of science degree in biology from Simmons College in Boston and a medical degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She completed her pediatric residency at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati and fellowship training in pediatric infectious diseases at Boston City Hospital/Boston University School of Medicine.

She served on the faculty of Boston University School of Medicine as an assistant professor of pediatrics before joining the faculty of the Morehouse School of Medicine as an assistant professor of pediatrics and associate dean for clinical students. She was associate professor and interim chair of the Department of

Pediatrics at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA from 1990 to 1993. In September of 1993, Dr. Whitley-Williams joined the faculty of the then University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Robert Wood Johnson Medical School as associate professor of clinical pediatrics. She is board certified in pediatrics and pediatric infectious diseases and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

She is a member of the Infectious Disease Society of America, the Pediatric Infectious Disease Society, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the National Medical Association. She serves as the National Medical Association liaison to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and is chair of the US Medical Licensure Examination Management Committee as well as a member of the American Board of Pediatrics Subspecialties Committee. She participates in community outreach projects as an active member of the Central Jersey Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Her research interests include HIV/AIDS in women and children as well as childhood and adolescent immunizations.