

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Keynote Presenter: **Laura Riley, MD**

Medical Director of Labor and Delivery, MA General Hospital

Chair of Immunization Task Force, American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Laura Riley, MD received her undergraduate education at Harvard University and her medical degree at the University of Pittsburgh. She completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Pittsburgh-Magee Women's Hospital and her subspecialty training in maternal-fetal medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital and in infectious disease at Boston University Medical Center. Dr. Riley joined the obstetrical service at MGH in 1995, where she focuses on high-risk pregnancy with an emphasis on infectious disease complications of obstetrics. She currently serves as the medical director of MGH Labor and Delivery. Dr. Riley has participated in multiple research initiatives, including epidural anesthesia and fever, maternal immune response to hepatitis C and pertussis vaccination. Nationally, she serves as a consultant to the Centers for Disease Control on perinatal HIV testing and prevention of group B strep and recently became the first OB/Gyn appointed to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice. She is the chair of the Immunization Task Force at the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Dr. Riley is the President-elect of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine. Her global health interest focuses on enhancing safety on labor and delivery as well as improving the use of maternal vaccines.

MDPH Update

Susan Lett, MD began her professional career in nursing before becoming a physician. She is a graduate of the Medical College of Virginia, completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Boston City Hospital and received her Master's degree in Public Health from Harvard University. She is board certified in both Internal Medicine and Preventive Medicine and is an honorary Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. She is also an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. She has been with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for 26 years, where she is the Medical Director of the Immunization Program. Dr. Lett is active in a number of professional societies, national advisory groups, and coalitions. She is a former member of both the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the National Vaccine Advisory Committee. She participates in the development of immunization policy at both the state and national levels and has published numerous articles about vaccines and vaccine preventable diseases.

Question & Answer Session

Alfred DeMaria, Jr., MD is a graduate of Boston University and Harvard Medical School. He trained in Internal Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, New York and in Infectious Diseases at Boston City Hospital and the Boston University School of Medicine. Dr. DeMaria is a Fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America. He is President Elect of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists. He serves on committees of the Massachusetts Medical Society, on the board of the Massachusetts Public Health Museum, and as President of the Northeast Branch of the American Society for Microbiology.

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Robert Morrison, BSc has been the Vaccine Manager for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) Immunization Program for the past 18 years. As part of his responsibilities, Bob manages the \$110 million budget for the purchase of childhood as well as adult vaccines. This includes \$50 million in state funds and approximately \$60 million from two federal funding sources. He supervises staff in the Vaccine Management Unit. This unit processes approximately 12,000 vaccine orders on an annual basis, and responds to an estimated 20,000 phone calls each year. For the past 13 years, Bob has presented at Immunization Update workshops targeted to physicians, nurses, medical assistants, and other medical office personnel.

MORNING WORKSHOPS

A. A PLAN-DO-STUDY-ACT APPROACH TO ACHIEVING IMMUNIZATION EQUITY

Lillian Komukyeya, MPH is a Public Health professional with a clinical background. Lillian completed her Masters of Public Health degree at Northeastern University, MA and received her Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBCbB) from Mbarara University of Science and Technology in Uganda. She is interested in monitoring and evaluation of public health programs for quality improvement. Lillian spent the last three years working as a consultant for the Immunization Equity Initiative at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Office of Health Equity (OHE). She coordinated the activities of a collaborative between the MDPH (OHE), the MDPH Bureau of Infectious Disease Immunization Program (BID) and the MDPH Office of Planning and Emergency Management (OPEM) to provide technical assistance to community based organizations and local boards of health geared to reducing racial ethnic and linguistic disparities in immunization outcomes and vaccination coverage.

Kitty C. Mahoney RN, BSN, MS is employed full time as Chief Public Health Nurse for the Town of Framingham where she has been since 2004. She completed the Metrowest Community Health Care Foundation Leadership Program in 2008. Kitty has twice served as Moderator at the American Public Health Association Scientific Sessions “Disparities in Health Care for Women, Minorities and Military” and “Hot Topics in Public Health Nursing”. She defended “100 Years of Public Health Nursing in Massachusetts” at the 2011 APHA Poster Session in Washington, DC. Kitty Mahoney served two terms as President of the Massachusetts Association of Public Health Nurses and has served on several local and public health committees including the Massachusetts Public Health Commissioners Task Force on H1N1, the Coalition for Local Public Health, Framingham’s pilot programs for MIIS and MAVEN, Framingham Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition, MAVEN Strategic Planning Council, Operation Stand Down and others. Kitty Mahoney’s additional contributions include advancing memoranda of understanding with the Massachusetts School Nurse Organization and the Massachusetts Association of Occupational Health Nurses steering collaborations and cross training opportunities and education which has advanced public health practices in school and corporate health. Her public health nursing and allied health student mentor outreach includes Framingham Schools Keefe Vocational Technical School and Mass Bay Community College. Kitty’s professional awards and citations include Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Leadership, Massachusetts Health Officers Association, Association of State & Territorial Directors of Nurses, Massachusetts Association of Public Health Nurses, Massachusetts School Nurse Organization and in 2012, Kitty was named a Public Health Fellow by the Local Public Health Institute. In 2013, the Governor appointed Kitty to the Division of Professional Licensure, Board of Certification of Health Officers where she currently serves as Secretary.

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Rodrigo Monterrey, BA manages the CLAS (Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services) Initiative at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH). CLAS is a continuous quality improvement (CQI) framework for eliminating health disparities. DPH has been implementing, monitoring and supporting CLAS efforts since 2005. Rodrigo is a 14-year veteran of DPH. Before joining CLAS in 2012, he worked in HIV/AIDS, Emergency Preparedness and Substance Abuse Services. Before coming to DPH, Rodrigo worked in the advertising and higher-education fields.

B. A SURE SHOT: USING THE MIIS ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

Shari Davis, RN, MPH is a Support Associate for the Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS) at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH). In her current role, Shari assists in the statewide roll-out of the electronic immunization registry, providing programmatic, user support, and training to healthcare providers throughout the state. Shari also currently practices as a Registered Nurse. She completed her MPH at Boston University School of Public Health.

C. ADULT VACCINATION 101

Mary Conant-Cantor, RN, BSN currently serves as the Nurse Manager for the Immunization Program at Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH). As Nurse Manager for the Immunization Program her responsibilities include supervision of the five Regional Immunization Nurses, oversight of the Perinatal Hepatitis B Program and immunization content expert. Previously, Mary served as the Infectious Disease Response/Smallpox Nurse at MDPH from July 2004 to September 2006. As the Infectious Disease Response Nurse she was responsible for the statewide Smallpox Vaccination and Training Program, as well as assisting local cities and towns with their overall Bioterrorism Preparedness Plans. Prior to coming to work at MDPH, Mary worked for the City of Lowell as the Acting Nursing Coordinator overseeing Public Health and School Nursing. Mary graduated from the Greater Lowell Practical Nursing Program in 1993. She continued her education at Middlesex Community College, graduating in 1995 with Associates in Science in Nursing and her BSN from the University of New Hampshire in 1998.

D. PROMOTING HPV VACCINATION AMONG ADULT PATIENTS

Catherine Basham, BS, BA joined Fenway Health in 2012 as the Women's Health Outreach Coordinator. In this role, she supports the women's health team in quality improvement projects, and community outreach and education. She provides one-on-one patient education on contraceptive management, smoking cessation, and other wellness topics. Prior to joining Fenway, Catherine worked in Panama as an environmental health extensionist with the Peace Corps.

Jennifer Potter, MD is an Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Director of Women's Health programs at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Fenway Health. She is a strong proponent of clinical QI efforts implemented in a patient-centered medical home model. In addition to developing a program to improve HPV vaccine rates, her scope of work in the LGBT health arena includes: inquiry into barriers to use of an electronic medical record to track preventive services; predictors of adherence to cervical cancer screening recommendations; identification of a high rate of unsatisfactory Pap tests among FTM transgender men; a study of the comparative effectiveness of various outreach strategies to enhance cervical cancer screening rates; and the feasibility and value of calculating individualized breast cancer risk scores in a population of LBT patients receiving mammograms.

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Kiefer St. Pierre, RN is Fenway Health’s Nurse Manager. Kiefer has 18 years of experience in nursing, which include management of two admissions departments for extended care facilities, with additional experience as an outpatient clinic manager and assistant administrator in a skilled nursing facility. At Fenway Health, Kiefer provides patient centered care and reliable solutions by gathering all the facts and then applying logic, analysis and critical thinking to daily challenges. He served as a key partner in addressing system barriers to HPV vaccination at Fenway and implementing solutions and strategies to improve access.

Sarah Wolfrum, MPH is the Manager of Health Informatics at Fenway Health. At Fenway she provides programming and data management support for various research studies and Health Center projects. Sarah continually works to improve the integrity of the data captured in all the Health Center Electronic Medical Record System (EMR). Sarah has a strong background in data management, analysis and querying. Prior to joining Fenway, Sarah coordinated an HPV study examining different methods for transporting self-collected samples taken by participants at home. She also worked as a public health consultant where she provided data management support, designed databases and developed survey collection tools and needs assessments for a variety of community based organizations, health departments and other government organizations. Sarah holds a Master of Public Health in Epidemiology.

E. SURVEILLANCE, REPORTING AND CONTROL OF VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES 2015

Meagan Burns, MPH is an Epidemiologist at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Epidemiology and Immunization where she works on surveillance, prevention and control of vaccine preventable diseases. She completed a Master’s of Public Health in Epidemiology at Boston University, and a Bachelor’s in Genomics and Molecular Genetics at Michigan State University. In addition to her work with MDPH she has worked as a researcher in a molecular genetics lab and in public health at the local level.

Hillary Johnson, MHS is an Epidemiologist with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), where she works in surveillance, reporting, and control of vaccine preventable diseases. Prior to her work with the Immunization Program, she served as Director of Field Operations for the MDPH Division of STD Prevention. She has a Master of Health Sciences degree from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

AFTERNOON PLENARY

WHEN THERE IS NO VACCINE: LESSONS FROM THE EBOLA RESPONSE

Christine Mitchell RN, MS, MTS, FAAN is Executive Director of the Center for Bioethics at Harvard Medical School. She is an elected Fellow of the American Academy of Nurses. Ms. Mitchell founded the ethics program at Boston Children’s Hospital, directing the ethics consultation service and leading the Ethics Advisory Committee for 30 years. She was also Associate Director of Clinical Ethics at Harvard Medical School’s Division of Medical Ethics where she developed the Ethics Leadership Group, an intensive clinical bioethics course, and an all-volunteer citizen Community Ethics Committee for informed public input on ethical aspects of health care and health policies. She leads the monthly

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Harvard Ethics Consortium discussion of ethics cases and teaches in the HMS Medical Ethics Fellowship program. Her research has focused on ethics consultation, and public engagement in policies regarding resource allocation related to major natural disasters or pandemics. She has served on numerous national committees and commissions, including the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Clinical Ethics Consultation Committee and, most recently, the Ethical, Legal and Social Aspects Committee for the Human Brain Project funded by the European Commission. She lectures nationally and internationally on issues in clinical ethics. Her published work includes a documentary film, made with Ben Achtenberg, which was nominated for an Academy Award, and a documentary video that received an international Freddie Award for medical media. She edits a regular series of ethics cases for *The Journal of Clinical Ethics* and has written on numerous topics in bioethics for the *American Journal of Nursing*, the *New England Journal of Medicine*, several specialty clinical journals, and *Newsweek*. She received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Science from Boston University School of Nursing and a Master's degree from Harvard where she majored in philosophical and religious ethics as a Kennedy Fellow in Medical Ethics through the Interfaculty Program at Harvard Medical School, Harvard Divinity School and Harvard School of Public Health.

Philip Parks, MD, MPH, MOccH, FACOEM is the founder of H21, LLC where as a strategic advisor and research scientist, he advises large and medium-size companies on corporate population health and productivity strategy, analytics, and measurement. H21 has partnered with Partners in Health to develop Corporate Health and Security programs that support PIH's mission in over 13 countries Dr. Parks has over 10 years of experience leading and administering corporate population health management programs including primary care, occupational health, employee health, travel medicine, human performance, rehabilitation, and wellness programs. He is an attending physician and Clinical Instructor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Cambridge Health Alliance, a Visiting Scientist at the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH), and a Senior Fellow of the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative where he provides expertise in humanitarian assistance and disaster response. He is board certified in Occupational Medicine, President of the New England College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine and a diplomate of the American Board of Preventive Medicine. Dr. Parks received his M.D. and M.P.H. from Tulane University, and a Master's degree in Occupational Health from the Harvard School of Public Health.

David Ropeik, MS is an Instructor at Harvard University, author, and consultant on risk perception, risk communication, and risk management. He is author of *How Risky Is It, Really? Why Our Fears Don't Always Match The Facts* (2010, McGraw Hill) and co-author of *RISK, A Practical Guide for Deciding What's Really Safe and What's Really Dangerous in the World Around You*, (2002, Houghton Mifflin). He has written more than 50 articles, book chapters, and other essays, in both the peer-reviewed literature and the general media, on risk perception and risk communication. He is a widely cited expert on risk perception in the general press and he blogs for BigThink.com, Psychology Today, Nature, Scientific American, Climate Central, Columbia Journalism Review, and The Huffington Post. Mr. Ropeik was a television reporter for WCVB-TV in Boston from 1978 – 2000, where he specialized in reporting on environment and science issues. He twice won the DuPont-Columbia Award, often cited as the television equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize, and seven regional EMMY awards. He wrote a science column for The Boston Globe 1998-2000. He was a Knight Science Journalism Fellow at MIT 1994-95, a National Tropical Botanical Garden Fellow in 1999, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Society of Environmental Journalists from 1991-2000. He is creator and director of the program

“Improving Media Coverage of Risk”, a training program for journalists. He has taught journalism at Boston University, Tufts University, MIT, and Northwestern University.

Erica Shenoy, MD, PhD is Assistant Chief of the Infection Control Unit at Massachusetts General Hospital, Program Director of the Infection Control, Hospital Epidemiology and Antimicrobial Stewardship Track of the Infectious Disease Fellowship Program and Assistant Professor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School. She is an infectious disease physician and a biothreats advisor to Mass. General Hospital’s committee on Hospital Incident Command Structure for *Ebola* Virus Disease Preparedness. Her research interests include the optimization of infection control strategies with considerations of clinical, operational and economic outcomes related to competing policy alternatives. Dr. Shenoy holds an MD from Harvard Medical School and a PhD in Health Policy/Economics from Harvard University.

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