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Keynote Presenter: **Carolyn Bridges, MD**

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Dr. Carolyn Buxton Bridges is the Associate Director of Adult Immunizations in the Immunization Services Division, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). A board-certified internal medicine physician, Dr. Bridges was in clinical practice before joining the Epidemic Intelligence Service at CDC in 1996, working primarily on influenza. After five years as the Associate Director for Epidemiologic Science in the Influenza Division, Dr. Bridges transitioned to her current position in 2011 as the Associate Director of Adult Immunizations. Her career in public health has included research and policy on influenza prevention and control, vaccine effectiveness, and transmission, and improving coverage for recommended adult vaccines.

Conference Presenters:

Mary Conant-Cantor, RN, BSN currently serves as the Nurse Manager for the Immunization Program at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH). 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, where 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 working at MDPH, Mary worked for the City of Lowell as the Acting Nursing Coordinator. Mary graduated from the Greater Lowell Practical Nursing Program. She received her Associates in Science in Nursing at Middlesex Community College, and her BSN from the University of New Hampshire.

Carly Coppola, MPH is currently employed by JSI, where she works as the Lead Immunization Registry (MIIS) User Support Associate at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In her current role, Carly is responsible for supervising the MIIS User Support staff, assisting in the roll-out of the MIIS Registry, and serving as the first line of communication and support for end users as part of the MIIS Help Desk. Prior to joining the Immunization Program, Carly was a Program Coordinator for the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. She received her bachelor's degree from Clark University with a major in International Development and Social Change. She was granted her master's degree in Public Health from New York University, where she concentrated her studies in Community Health.

Steve Fleming, EdM is an Epidemiologist with the Massachusetts Immunization Program. He has worked for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) for over twelve years in the area of surveillance, reporting, and control of vaccine preventable diseases. His background prior to working for MDPH was in HIV Prevention, Education, and Mental Health. He has a Master of Education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

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.

Donna Lazorik, RN, MS is a public health nurse and has been with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Immunization Program since 1991, most recently as the Deputy Program Manager for Program Development. In her current role, she provides technical assistance, and develops guidelines, standing orders, and advisories for control of influenza and other vaccine preventable diseases for providers and public health partners. Ms. Lazorik received a master's degree in Community Health Nursing from Boston University and is board-certified in Advanced Public Health Nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Ms. Lazorik has worked on vaccination projects in Thailand and Kenya. She is the Co-Chair of the Massachusetts Adult Immunization Coalition and has made numerous presentations to national and regional audiences.

Susan Lett, MD, MPH 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 25 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.

Colin Marchant, MD is Director of the Pediatric Vaccine Research Center and the Principle Investigator of the Clinical Immunization Safety Assessment Center at Boston Medical Center. Dr. Marchant is also an Adjunct Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Boston University School of Medicine and Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Tufts University School of Medicine. He graduated from Acadia University in Nova Scotia and received his medical degree from McGill University in Montreal. Dr. Marchant completed his residency in the Department of Medicine at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, and was chief resident in Pediatrics at the Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Marchant is board-certified in pediatrics and pediatric infectious diseases. He has written numerous original articles, book chapters, and reviews.

Tseli Mohammed, MS is currently employed by JSI, where she works as an Immunization Information System Support Associate at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In her current role, Tseli is responsible for providing programmatic and user support, assisting in the statewide roll-out of an electronic immunization registry, and training healthcare providers throughout the state. Prior to this position, Tseli worked as a Project Associate for JSI's AIDS.gov Project. Tseli received a B.A. in Economics from Williams College and a M.S. degree in International Health and Management at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University.

Robert Morrison, BSc has been the Vaccine Manager for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Immunization Program for the past 18 years. As part of his responsibilities, Robert 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, Robert has presented at Immunization Update workshops targeted to physicians, nurses, medical assistants, and other medical office personnel.

Anne Louise Oaklander, MD, PhD, MS is Associate Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School and Assistant in Neuropathology at Massachusetts General Hospital. After neurology residency, she completed postdoctoral fellowships at Johns Hopkins and currently directs a research laboratory that characterizes somatosensory disorders that cause pain and itch. She is known for discoveries concerning postherpetic neuralgia and for identification of small-fiber nerve injuries in CRPS-I. Her group has developed and characterized an animal model of CRPS-I. Small-fiber polyneuropathies are another interest. She has more than 100 publications and serves on the editorial board of the journal PAIN and as a Scientific Advisory Board member for the RSD Syndrome Association. She is a member of the American Neurological Association, a Fellow of the American Academy of Neurology, and named to America's Top Doctors. She serves on advisory and review panels for the NIH, the FDA, the VA, and the Institute of Medicine.

Michelle Samplin-Salgado, MPH is a consultant at JSI with more than 18 years of professional experience in health communications, public health, social marketing, website design, usability, and social media, with an emphasis on emerging technologies. Her experience includes managing the design and development of online activities, including websites and blogs, for both federal and nonprofit organizations. Prior to JSI, she was the Communications Director for the Harvard Center for Cancer Prevention, where she oversaw all web and print activities, media campaigns, and community outreach. Ms. Samplin-Salgado earned her Master of Public Health from the University of Hawai'i, has conducted research in Vietnam, and served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ecuador.

Jodi Sperber, MSW, MPH has been involved in public health research, policy, and programming for over 15 years, working on a local, regional, and national level. As a staff consultant at JSI, she helps to develop and manage a range of Health IT and new media activities, focusing on the strategic promotion and integration of social media and mobile health into ongoing programmatic operation. Recent projects include two substantive training tools on social media knowledge and implementation for the National Minority AIDS Council, an NIH-funded longitudinal study focused on HIV prevention in young transgender women that leverages Facebook as a tool for participant recruitment and retention, a CDC-funded web-based training program aimed at clinical providers and community partners to encourage HIV medication adherence, and a web-based continuing education course focused on helping teachers and other educational personnel in Rhode Island create a safe and welcoming environment for all students, including those who self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning (LGBTQ).

Brant Viner, MD, MA received his MD from the Boston University School of Medicine. He did his postgraduate training in Internal Medicine at the Boston City Hospital and in Infectious

Diseases with the Boston University Training Program in Infectious Diseases. He holds a Certificate of Knowledge in Tropical Medicine & Travelers' Health from the American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene. Along with Dr. Elizabeth Barnett, he started the Boston Medical Center International Health Clinic. He currently works for the University of Massachusetts Medical School, UMass Memorial Medical Center, and the Boston Public Health Commission.

Jane Zucker, MD, MS was appointed as the Assistant Commissioner for the Bureau of Immunization, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in August 2005. Dr. Zucker's responsibilities include promotion of adult, adolescent, and childhood vaccination initiatives, the Vaccines for Children program (VFC), and the Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR). In 2009-2010, Dr. Zucker was responsible for coordination of the Department of Health's H1N1 vaccination activities, including distribution of H1N1 vaccine, school-based vaccinations, and large scale vaccination clinics. Dr. Zucker previously served as the Medical Director for the Bureau of Immunization starting in 2000. Dr. Zucker started with the CDC in 1990 as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer in the Malaria Branch, Division of Parasitic Diseases. In 1996, she was assigned to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to oversee their global polio eradication initiative. Dr. Zucker has also served as a technical advisor on several World Health Organization (WHO) Task Forces and has worked in over 20 countries. Dr. Zucker received her MD degree from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and her MS degree in Epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health. She completed her internal medicine residency at Kings County Hospital/SUNY Downstate and her Infectious Diseases fellowship at the Beth Israel, Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Dana Farber Cancer Institute program in Boston. Dr. Zucker is board-certified in internal medicine and infection diseases and a Fellow in the Infectious Disease Society of America. She is widely published in peer-reviewed medical journals.