

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES - TB Drug Shortage Meeting

CAPT Jouhayna Saliba, PharmD, is a Team Leader in the Drug Shortage Program at FDA. She joined the FDA in 2000 as a Regulatory Project Manager for the Division of Special Pathogen and Immunologic Drug Products in the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. She has been in her current position since 2003. Prior to joining the FDA, she held a position as a clinical pharmacist in the Pediatric Critical Care Unit at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences in 1992 and later completed the non-traditional pharmacy program at the University of Arkansas and received her PharmD in 2001.

Barbara Seaworth M.D. is an infectious disease physician who is the Medical Director of the Heartland National TB Clinical Consultation and Training Center located in San Antonio, Texas. She is a professor of Medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center, Tyler. She has cared for patients with multidrug resistant TB for over 20 years. She is an expert consultant for the state of Texas and to the U.S. Mexico Bi-national TB Projects which treat MDR TB on the Mexican side of the U.S. Mexican border. She is a member of the HHSC Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis and a Fellow of the Infectious Disease Society of America. She received her M.D. degree from Washington University School of Medicine in 1977 and completed her residency in internal medicine at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas in 1980 and a fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Duke University in 1982.

Dr. Maunank Shah is the Medical Director of the Baltimore City Health Department TB Program and an Assistant Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases at Johns Hopkins University. He is Board Certified in Infectious Diseases and Internal Medicine and serves as an attending physician on the inpatient Infectious Disease and HIV clinical services at Johns Hopkins Hospital. His primary research interests focus on evaluating and implementing novel diagnostic tests and strategies for active and latent TB in resource-limited settings, as well as the conduct of economic evaluations and studies of cost-effectiveness. He is actively involved in research activities in South Africa, Uganda, Nigeria and Baltimore.

Nuala S. Moore joined the American Thoracic Society (ATS) Washington staff as Sr. Legislative Representative in 2006. Her primary issues include health research and services appropriations, public health issues, children's health and global and domestic tuberculosis control. Before joining ATS, Nuala worked on children's mental health issues for 6 years as Deputy Director of Government Affairs with the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP). Prior to this, she managed child health and social services issues for the Alliance for Children and Families, a network of social service agencies. After working for Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Nuala began her career in government affairs/advocacy working on international conflict resolution, human rights and immigration issues with the Irish American Unity Conference. A native Washingtonian, Nuala holds an M.A. in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University and a B.A. in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland.

Sundari R. Mase, M.D., M.P.H. is the Team Lead for Medical Affairs at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, Field Services and Evaluation Branch where she supervises all Field Medical officer staff. Dr. Mase also serves as liaison to the four Regional Training and Medical Consultation Centers for medical consultation activities and provides technical assistance and consultation to all state and local TB Control programs, including U.S. affiliated territories, for any issues related to TB. Prior to joining the CDC, Mase was the Deputy Health Officer and Physician TB Controller at the Santa Clara County Public Health Department TB Prevention and Control Program where she provided oversight for the TB Control Program and TB care. Dr. Mase received her medical training from the University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine and completed her residency at the University of California, San Francisco, Department of Internal Medicine.

Colleen Daniels is the TB-HIV Project Director at Treatment Action Group. Colleen has 14 years experience as a Project Manager, Technical Officer and Consultant in HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, health and conflict and fragile settings, working to deliver access to essential health services. She has worked on programs across 10 countries, lived and worked in Australia, Kenya, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Thailand and was an Australian Youth Ambassador to the Kingdom of Tonga. Prior to joining TAG, Colleen was a Technical Officer in the Stop TB Department of the World Health Organization, where she developed a successful campaign to reduce the burden of TB in people living with HIV. She developed global advocacy plans and ensured that affected communities were involved in all aspects of advocacy and communications. Colleen received her Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations from St Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, and holds a Master of Arts degree in International Relations/Studies from the University of Melbourne, Australia.

Dr. Jon Warkentin is the State TB Control Officer and Medical Director of the Tennessee TB Elimination Program, and serves as the current President of the National Tuberculosis Controllers Association (NTCA). Dr. Warkentin received his medical training at Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis, Indiana. In 2000, Dr. Warkentin joined Metro Public Health Department (MPHD) of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee. There he administered the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention, which included the TB Elimination Program, STD/HIV Prevention and Intervention Program, and the Notifiable Diseases and Bioterrorism Program. Other roles at MPHD included Director of Medical Services, Deputy Health Officer, and member of the Executive Management Team. On June 1, 2005, he assumed his present position with the Tennessee Department of Health. He has served on the Board of the National TB Controllers Association (NTCA) since 2007 and became President-elect in 2011. "Dr. Jon" and his thirteen-year-old son, "Jonny," created a documentary video shown during the first plenary session of the 2012 National TB Conference in Atlanta. The video was entitled, "Surviving MDR-TB: My Story, My Voice," featuring Natalie Nelson Skipper.

Dr. Joel Keravec has recently been appointed GDF Manager a.i. He has 20 years experience as public health consultant and project manager in Latin America, Africa and Europe, for UNDP, UNESCO, Management Sciences for Health, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PAHO and Brazilian Ministry of Health. As Management Sciences for Health's Office Director in Brazil, Dr Keravec is providing technical assistance and support in pharmaceutical management and for strengthening WHO/DOTS implementation and Drug-Resistant-TB control worldwide through the development of innovative information systems like the e-TB Manager. His technical areas of expertise include: TB information systems and TB epidemiology/Surveillance, pharmaceutical management, product quality assurance and international quality standards for drugs quality testing laboratories, selection of essential medicines and STGs, improved policy, and regulatory environment for essential medicines and DR-TB Programmatic Management.