

## **SPEAKERS' BIOS**

### **Stephanie Griese, MD, MPH, FAAP, Lieutenant Commander, USPHS**

Dr. Stephanie Griese is a medical epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia, and is currently serving as the Co-Lead for the Ebola Children's Task Force. The Children's Task Force works across CDC's response to ensure the needs of children are integrated throughout CDC efforts. Core activities include establishing science to better explain the impact of Ebola on children, ensuring domestic preparedness efforts reflect pediatric concerns, and advancing international response efforts focused on children.

Dr. Griese earned her undergraduate degrees (BS, BA) from the College of William and Mary, her medical degree from the Penn State College of Medicine, and a Masters of Public Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She completed her pediatrics residency training at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, and practiced in the Johns Hopkins Hospital Pediatric Emergency Department prior to a career in public health. She served as a CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer for two years with the North Carolina Division of Public Health before joining CDC's Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response as a medical epidemiologist in 2013. Her focus areas include pediatric preparedness, vulnerable populations, and medical countermeasures.

### **Kurt Newman, MD**

Dr. Kurt Newman has been an integral part of Children's National Medical Center, Washington D.C. for 30 years as a surgeon and a leader. As President and Chief Executive Officer since September 2011, Dr. Newman is focused on applying innovation in all aspects of care and research, forming creative connections in the community and throughout the industry, always doing the right thing for children and families.

Dr. Newman began as a surgeon at Children's National Medical Center in 1984, and became the Surgeon-in-Chief and Senior Vice President for the Joseph E. Robert, Jr., Center for Surgical Care in 2003. He was instrumental in creating the Sheikh Zayed Institute for Pediatric Surgical Innovation at Children's National, which was made possible through a \$150 million gift, inspired by the audacious vision to make surgery for children minimally invasive and pain free. Dr. Newman served as the Founding Vice President of the Sheikh Zayed Institute when it was created in 2009.

Dr. Newman is an expert in advancing the practices required to constantly improve pediatric quality and outcomes. He has served as a consultant to several children's hospitals in conjunction with the Child Health Corporation of America. He previously served on the Board of Commissioners of The Joint Commission. He was a member of the Board of Governors of the American Pediatric Surgical Association and was Chair of the Surgery Section of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He is a Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics at the George Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. Newman is the author or co-author of numerous scientific publications and book chapters.

Dr. Newman graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received his medical education at Duke University. He completed his surgical residency at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and also served as the Arthur Tracy Cabot Fellow at Harvard Medical School. He did his pediatric surgical fellowship at Children's National Medical Center and then joined the attending staff at Children's National Medical Center, where he has remained since that time.

### **Roberta Lynn DeBiasi, MD, MS**

Roberta Lynn DeBiasi, MD, MS serves as Chief of the Division of Pediatric Diseases at Children's National and holds appointments as Professor of Pediatrics and Microbiology, Immunology and Tropical Medicine at George Washington University School of Medicine as well as Principal Investigator in the Center for Translational Science at Children's Research Institute. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Boston University, she received her Doctorate in Medicine at the University of Virginia School of Medicine, and completed internship and residency in Pediatrics at the University of California, Davis Medical Center. She completed her fellowship in Pediatric Infectious Diseases at the University of Colorado/Denver Children's Hospital and served on the faculty there prior to joining the CNMC faculty in 2006.

Dr. DeBiasi's research expertise includes basic science as well as clinical/translational research related to severe viral infection of the brain and heart, including congenital infections. She is the lead for the Ebola Institutional Plan for CNHS. She is the author of original research, review articles, and book chapters focusing on severe viral infections such as viral myocarditis, encephalitis, meningitis, and infections in immunocompromised hosts. She is the prior recipient of the Infectious Diseases Society of America Young Investigator Award, and maintains funding from the NIH National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease. She is currently Principal Investigator for clinical research trials that focus on improved treatments for viral encephalitis, influenza, neonatal herpes simplex virus, congenital cytomegalovirus, and adenovirus in normal and immunocompromised children. She is an active investigator in the NIAID Collaborative Antiviral Study Group.

Dr. DeBiasi treats immunocompetent and immunocompromised children hospitalized with severe infections at Children's National Medical Center. She served as the former fellowship training program director in the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases, and greatly enjoys teaching and mentoring graduate and medical students, residents, and fellows in the classroom as well as on the hospital wards. She is also actively engaged in continuing medical education for community physicians and outreach to the community.

### **Bonnie Connors Jellen, MHSA**

Bonnie Connors Jellen is Director of the Section for Maternal and Child Health at the American Hospital Association (AHA) and is responsible for working with over 2,000 member hospitals providing specialty care to women and children. Over three decades, she has worked exclusively in the maternal and child health field including positions at the AHA, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and on Capitol Hill for the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Child and Human Development. Bonnie has been active in many organizations including committee appointments at the March of Dimes, the Alan Guttmacher Institute, and other national and local child health initiatives. Bonnie has an undergraduate degree in Child Development from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and a graduate degree in Health Services Administration from The George Washington University, Washington D.C.