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2014 Influenza/Pneumococcal News Conference

NFID's annual influenza/pneumococcal news conference was held on September 18, 2014 at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. Tom Frieden, MD, MPH, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, was the keynote speaker and

was joined by panelists Paul A. Offit, MD and Laura E. Riley, MD, with NFID past-president, William Schaffner, MD as moderator. Dr. Frieden announced the latest data on influenza vaccination coverage and emphasized the importance of annual flu vaccination as well as the new pneumococcal vaccination recommendation. Additional information including an archived video of the news conference is available at: www.adultvaccination.org/2014flunews.

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Flu Awareness: A Home Run with Major League Baseball

In September, NFID sponsored Flu Awareness Nights on both coasts with the Oakland Athletics and the Washington Nationals. NFID's public service announcement, *Freddie the Flu Detective*, aired on the Jumbotron before each game, and was viewed by over 50,000 fans.

Additionally, NFID distributed copies of its coloring book, *Are You a Flu Fighter?*, flu vaccine coupons provided by Harris Teeter, and hand sanitizers provided by GOJO. The highlight of the evening in DC featured the Flu Bugs on the Jumbotron along with NFID president-elect, Walter A. Orenstein, MD and executive director, Marla Dalton.

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Keep Flu out of School

NFID, the National Association of School Nurses (NASN), and Families Fighting Flu began Year 2 of the 'Keep Flu out of School' program to reach school nurses, teachers, and students in public elementary schools (grades K-5) in Chicago, IL and Springfield, MO. NFID launched a <u>dedicated website</u> to provide educational information and resources about flu prevention and vaccination for teachers, students, and parents/guardians.

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HPV Resource Center

The Council on State and Territorial Epidemiologists

(CSTE) and NFID, supported by a grant from CDC,

launched the online HPV Resource Center; a website dedicated to providing information, tools, and resources for healthcare professionals and epidemiologists to help

increase HPV vaccination rates. The website features a Call to Action, <u>HPV</u>

<u>Vaccination as a Public Health Priority</u>, with recommendations urging healthcare professionals to make a strong recommendation for HPV vaccination as an important tool for cancer prevention.

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Infectious Disease Clinicians Needed to Assist with Ebola Outbreak

In response to the Ebola outbreak in West

Africa, the US Agency for International Development (USAID) is seeking infectious disease specialists to volunteer at West African Ebola treatment facilities. USAID is currently looking for infectious disease clinicians who are

able to volunteer for 6-12 weeks due to the time required for training at the beginning of service.

Visit www.usaid.gov for additional information and an online application.

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NFID Announces 2015 Award Recipients



NFID announced the recipients of the 2015

Maxwell Finland Award for Scientific Achievement and the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Humanitarian

Award. Samuel Katz, MD will receive the Maxwell Finland Award and F. Marc LaForce, MD will

receive the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Award.

The Awards will be presented at a black-tie dinner on **May 5**, **2015** at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Bethesda, MD. Additional details are available at www.nfid.org/awards.

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Support NFID

Your support helps NFID reach the public and healthcare professionals with up-to-date information about the causes, treatment, and prevention of infectious diseases. NFID is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

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Upcoming NFID Events

October 7-9, 2014: ID Week: Visit NFID at Booth #801, Philadelphia, PA

November 7-9, 2014: Fall 2014 Clinical Vaccinology Course, Houston, TX

March 13-15, 2015: Spring 2015 Clinical Vaccinology Course, Denver, CO

April 13-15, 2015: 18th Annual Conference on Vaccine Research, Bethesda, MD

May 5, 2015: NFID Awards Dinner, Bethesda, MD

November 13-15, 2015: Fall 2015 Clinical Vaccinology Course, Bethesda, MD

April 18-20, 2016: 19th Annual Conference on Vaccine Research, Baltimore, MD

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