

## High Consequence Infectious Disease Workshop

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### **PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES**

#### **Robin Addison BSN, RN, CEN, TCRN |**

Emergency Department and Bio-containment, Evaluation and Specialty Treatment team,  
Providence Regional Medical Center Everett

Robin has worked as an Emergency Department Registered Nurse in Canada and the U.S. for thirty years. She currently is the Emergency Department Discharge Call Nurse and departmental emergency preparedness liaison, and part of the leadership group for the Providence Regional Medical Center Everett Bio-containment, Evaluation and Specialty Treatment (BEST) team. She has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of British Columbia.

#### **Christa Arguinchona MSN, BSN, CCRN |**

Program Manager, Special Pathogens/Rapid Response, Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center and Children's Hospital

Christa is the Program Manager for the Special Pathogens Unit (SPU) and the Rapid Response Team at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center and Children's Hospital (PSHMC&CH) in Spokane, WA. Her responsibilities include developing and maintaining a care team for the SPU and developing policies, protocols and educational and training plans. Christa also conducts training and education for the Frontline facilities within Providence Health Care. Christa collaborates with community, regional and national partners on all aspects of what it means to be a Regional Treatment Center for Ebola and other Special Pathogens. Christa has her master's and bachelor degrees in nursing and is certified in Critical Care. She has over 30 years of critical care experience in the neurological/trauma ICU at PSHMC&CH.

#### **Kate Boulter MPH, BAN, RN |**

Nebraska Medicine Nurse Manager, Nebraska Biocontainment Unit

Kate oversees activities for the policy and procedures development as the nurse manager of the Nebraska Biocontainment unit (NBU). She is passionate about infection control and occupational safety and blends these passions to educate NBU staff as well as regional and national partners on the safe care of highly infectious patients. Kate has been involved with the NBU since its inception in 2005, and has contributed significantly to the development and refinement of its standard operating procedures. During the 2014-2016 Ebola Virus Disease outbreak, Kate was the Lead RN for the NBU and coordinated staffing and clinical care for the three patients treated in the NBU. Drawing on experiences in these capacities, as well as her extensive nursing experience, she has presented at local and national conferences and contributed to multiple publications on biocontainment processes, infection control techniques and patient care. Kate began her working career in the United Kingdom's Women's Royal Air

Force where she developed leadership skills and learned the value of proper donning and doffing of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) through biological, chemical and radiation courses that became the foundation of the PPE processes further developed by the NBU team. Kate's nursing career spans a broad range of specialties including Nephrology, Solid Organ Transplant, Community Mobile Nursing project manager serving underserved populations, and Educator for Medial Surgical and Intensive Care nursing staff. Kate received her undergraduate degree at Oxford Brookes University in the United Kingdom achieving a First Class Honors degree in Nursing. She also completed a master's degree in Public Health from the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Tamara Drapeau |**

Clinical Manager, Central and Eastern Washington, American Medical Response

Tamara is an industry expert with over 30 years of experience working in the medical field. She has previously served as a field paramedic, quality assurance and improvement specialist, accreditation coordinator, and business development specialist before her position in clinical management. In her current role, Tamara is responsible for the clinical and educational components for AMR, which has given her the opportunity to develop a Special Pathogens team responsible for transporting patients with special contagion medical emergencies. Tamara holds a bachelor's degree in Applied Behavior Science, and recently graduated with her Master in Psychology. She is Affiliate Faculty in multiple disciplines for the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, as well as a Washington State Senior EMS Instructor. She services on the board for East Region EMS and Trauma Council, and is also an active member of the National Association of EMS Physicians.

**Brianna Enriquez MD |**

Clinical Professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of Washington

Dr. Enriquez is Clinical Professor in the University of Washington Department of Pediatrics. She is an attending physician in the emergency department and Medical Director for Emergency Management at Seattle Children's, a state Treatment Center for Ebola. She has co-led responses to emerging infections and significant measles exposures and has been involved in emergency management since 2011. Dr. Enriquez is currently the Vice-Chair of the Northwest Healthcare Response Network's Central District Disaster Clinical Advisory Committee.

**Jessica Gant |**

Microbiologist III, Washington Public Health Laboratories, WA State Department of Health

Jessica is the lead Microbiologist of the Bioterrorism/ Emergency Response team at the Washington State Public Health Laboratory. The team tests clinical and environmental samples to rule out the presence of agents of bioterrorism that are also known biosafety level 3 pathogens. The team also responds to emerging infectious diseases that cause public health emergencies, such as Ebola and Zika. Jessica has been working at the state lab since 2015 and has a master's degree in Microbiology from New Mexico State University.

**Lynae Kibiger MPH, CIC |**

Manager of Infection Prevention, MultiCare Health System

Lynae graduated from Indiana University in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology. From there, she was a microbiologist at Marion County and the Indiana State Departments of Health (ISDH) where performed laboratory testing of STDs to blood lead levels. In 2004, she became an Immunization Educator with the ISDH and monitored clinics in the Vaccines For Children program. Two years later, as the Enteric Epidemiologist, she directed state-wide enteric and waterborne disease outbreaks, involving partnerships with the CDC, FDA, and USDA. Seeking a proactive role, she became the Infection Preventionist at Eskenazi Hospital in 2008, the level 1 trauma hospital in Indianapolis, IN. She, her husband and two children moved to Puyallup, WA in 2018 so she could work for the MultiCare Health System as Manager of Infection Prevention. She is a member of Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health and received the Indianapolis Coalition Patient Safety Hero Award in 2015.

**Onora Lien |**

Executive Director, Northwest Healthcare Response Network

Onora is the Executive Director of the Northwest Healthcare Response Network, a large non-profit healthcare coalition which coordinates healthcare disaster preparedness and response planning across 15 counties and 25 tribes in western Washington state. Onora has spent nearly years working on healthcare and public health preparedness initiatives with a focus on community planning for the health and medical consequences of disasters and developing public-private partnerships to improve disaster resilience. Before her appointment as executive director, she served as the healthcare coalition's program manager at Public Health - Seattle & King County overseeing regional healthcare emergency response and preparedness initiatives. Prior to her work in Seattle, she was a research and policy analyst in Baltimore, MD., with UPMC Center for Biosecurity (now Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security) and the Johns Hopkins Center for Civilian Biodefense Strategies. She holds a Master of Arts in Sociology from Johns Hopkins University, where her research focused on the individual and organizational aspects of response to public health emergencies and disasters.

**Scott Lindquist MD, MPH |**

State Epidemiologist for Communicable Diseases, Washington State Department of Health

Dr. Lindquist attended the University of Washington School of Medicine and completed a residency in pediatrics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and an Infectious Disease Fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He completed his Master of Public Health at the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Lindquist has drawn upon this broad background to focus on underserved populations and infectious diseases. He has combined all the aspects of his training as a Health Officer/Director of Health for the Kitsap County Health District from 2001–2014. He also serves as a pediatrician and public health officer at the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Medical Clinic. Dr. Lindquist has been the Washington State

Tuberculosis medical consultant since 2002, and currently serves as the State Epidemiologist for Communicable Diseases and Deputy Health Officer for Washington State.

**Vanessa Makarewicz RN, MN, CIC |**

Infection Prevention & Control Manager, Harborview Medical Center

Vanessa received her Bachelor of Nursing from the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing where she was a Fuld Fellow and researched the incidence of infection from vascular access devices. In 2004, she moved to Seattle and began working on a cardiothoracic surgery floor at the University of Washington Medical Center. In June 2008, she received her master's degree in Nursing from the University of Washington as an Infectious Disease Clinical Nurse Specialist. She was published in the 2008 Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care with an article entitled, 'Clostridium difficile-Associated Disease in the HIV Infected Patient: A Case Study'. She practiced for four years as a Clinical Nurse Specialist at UWMC with the focus on decreasing central line infections as it relates to insertion and maintenance. Currently, she is the Infection Prevention & Control Manager at Harborview Medical Center and has been leading their Special Pathogens Team since 2014.

**Cathy McDonald RN, COHN, CIC |**

Infection Prevention Program Manager, CHI Franciscan Harrison Medical Center

Cathy came to Harrison Medical Center from Santa Barbara, CA where she held the position of Director Infection Control & Epidemiology for Cottage Health System for many years. She is a Registered Nurse who spent 9 years specializing in occupational health/safety in both industry and healthcare in Canada and the U.S., and 31 years specializing in hospital infection control & epidemiology. Cathy has been nationally certified in the practice of infection control since 1991. She is an active member of the Association for Professionals in Infection Control & Epidemiology (APIC), former Secretary and Board member for the Los Angeles APIC Chapter and former member of the Hospital Council of Southern California AIDS Issues Committee. Cathy is the author of *The Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan for Physicians*, published by American Health Consultants, and author/producer of an award winning, nationally distributed training video *OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogen Standard: An Annual Review*.

**Thérèse "Tee" Mirisola RN, MSN, CPON, CIC |**

Director of Infection Prevention, Seattle Children's

Tee has been a nurse for over three decades specializing in pediatric cancer. After moving to the Pacific Northwest from Maine in 2007, she joined Seattle Children's as the Clinical Nurse Specialist for the Cancer Care Unit. In 2015, she moved from a patient care unit to the world of infection prevention, becoming the clinical nurse specialist for that program. Her passion for health of children and their families as well as the community made this an easy transition. In 2017, upon the retirement of her predecessor, Tee took over the role of director of the department. She has since grown her department and continues to advocate for patient and staff safety at Seattle Children's.

**Emily Nebergall MS, MLS (ASCP) |**

Sentinel Laboratory Coordinator, Washington State Public Health Laboratory, Washington State Department of Health

Emily is the Sentinel Laboratory Coordinator for the Washington State Public Health Lab. In that position, she works as a microbiologist on the Bioterrorism and Emergency Response team, maintains key data on all of the sentinel labs in Washington State, and assists with packaging and shipping related matters. Additionally, much of Emily's work as a laboratory coordinator is oriented outside of the lab, interfacing with the sentinel labs by coordinating and delivering trainings, helping labs ensure they remain aware and prepared to handle high-risk infectious organisms, and provide support when a lab is uncertain how to proceed with such an organism. Emily has a master's degree in microbiology from Oregon State University and is ASCP-certified Clinical Laboratory Scientist.

**Aaron Resnick MA |**

Planning & Preparedness Manager, Northwest Healthcare Response Network

Aaron is the Planning & Preparedness Manager for the Northwest Healthcare Response Network, the healthcare preparedness coalition in Western Washington State. His responsibilities include managing regional and state-wide projects such as healthcare acute infectious disease sustainment and hospital surge capacity. Aaron was a 2018 Fellow of the Emerging Leaders in Biosecurity Initiative, a program of the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, where he attended the 2018 annual meeting of state parties to the Biological Weapons Convention. Previously, he served as the emergency preparedness coordinator at Inova Fairfax Medical Campus in Falls Church, VA, Northern Virginia's Level I Trauma and Pediatric Center. Aaron's prior work includes foreign and security policy analysis in Washington, D.C. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Diplomacy & World Affairs from Occidental College in Los Angeles, and a Master of Arts in War Studies from King's College London.

**Andrew Tait BS/BA, NRP, MICP |**

Division Chief, King County Medic One

Chief Tait started his career in the Pacific NW as a paramedic for the City of Bremerton Fire Department and then moved to King County Medic One. He currently serves as Medic One's Division Chief and Safety Officer.

**Julianna Toombs MA, ORGL, SL, GL |**

Manager of Program Operations for Environmental Services, University of Washington Medicine / Harborview Medical Center

Julianna grew up on the Quinault Indian Reservation prior to moving to Spokane Washington to attend Gonzaga University where she obtained her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a master's degree in Organizational Leadership, with emphases in Servant and Global Leadership. Julianna is the Manager of Program Operations for Environmental

Services at UW Medicine/Harborview Medical Center, the only Level 1 trauma center in Washington and the surrounding 4 states. She has worked in healthcare for over 15 years in a variety of roles in Environmental Services. Her passion is helping others. She is currently involved in Lift Up Africa's LUA's Maasai Girls Rescue Center project in Kenya working with the Maasai Tribe to save girls from child marriage and offer education.

**Sarah Wilkerson RN, MN, CIC, CNOR |**

Puget Sound APIC Education Chair

Sarah is an Infection Preventionist at Providence Regional Medical Center Everett (PRMCE). Sarah has been a Registered Nurse for 11 years and an Infection Preventionist for 6 years. She has a perioperative clinical background and has worked in long term, acute and ambulatory care. She has a Master in Nursing from the University of Washington Bothell and is dual certified in Infection Control and Operating Room Nursing. She co-leads PRMCE's Bio-containment Evaluation Specialty Treatment (B.E.S.T.) team and is this year's President-Elect for the Puget Sound chapter for the Association of Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC).

**Julie Zarn MN, RN, NE-BC |**

Director, Emergency, Critical Care, Trauma Program & Intervention Center,  
Providence Regional Medical Center Everett

Julie has been a nurse leader in acute care hospitals for over 25 years, and has a clinical background in Emergency and Critical Care Nursing. In response to the events occurring in late 2014 and increased risk of patients infected with the Ebola Virus arriving to hospitals in the US, she worked with her colleagues at PRMCE to create a team based approach that would provide appropriate and safe care for any patients who arrived at the hospital or affiliated clinics. She continues to support a dedicated team of nurses, physicians, and infectious disease specialists and operations leaders to maintain and improve the ability of the hospital to care for any patients who are possibly infected with a highly contagious disease.

**Matthew Zimmerman |**

Emergency Preparedness Specialist, Washington State Department of Health

Matthew an Emergency Preparedness Specialist for the Washington State Department of Health's Division of Emergency Preparedness and Response. He is the project coordinator for Ebola Virus Disease and Emerging Infectious Disease work within Washington and the federal Health and Human Services (HHS) Region 10 (AK, ID, OR, WA). In his role, Matthew supports preparedness and response efforts amongst public health, healthcare system, and EMS partners at the local, tribal, and state levels.