National Center for Infectious Diseases

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CDC's Coordinating Center for Infectious Diseases (CCID) seeks to protect health and enhance the potential for full, satisfying, and productive living across the lifespan of all people in all communities. CCID is currently comprised of three national centers, but is undergoing reorganization with experienced leadership, scientific expertise, strong partnerships, and innovative ideas in support of research, surveillance, technical assistance, and operational programs to prevent and control a broad spectrum of infectious diseases.

Mitchell Cohen, M.D., is the director of CCID. Dr. Cohen received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Duke University. His postgraduate training was in internal medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, and in infectious diseases at the University of Washington in Seattle. Dr. Cohen has been with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for 29 years, and was named Director of the Coordinating Center for Infectious Diseases in 2004. Dr. Cohen is an internationally recognized scientist and public health leader. He is a Fellow in the American College of Physicians, the Infectious Diseases Society of America, and the American Academy of Microbiology.

Anne Schuchat, M.D., is the director of the National Immunization Program (NIP), and will be the director of the proposed National Center 1. Dr. Schuchat began her career at CDC as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer in 1988 and most recently served as the Acting Director of the National Center for Infectious Diseases. She has made critically important contributions to prevention of infectious diseases in children, including her role in group B streptococcal disease prevention, where she spearheaded the development of CDC's guidelines which have led to an 80 percent reduction in newborn infections and a 75 percent narrowing of racial disparity in this infectious disease. She also has been instrumental in pre- and post-licensure evaluations of conjugate vaccines for bacterial meningitis and pneumonia and in accelerating availability of these new vaccines in resource poor countries through WHO and the Global Alliance for Vaccine and Immunization.

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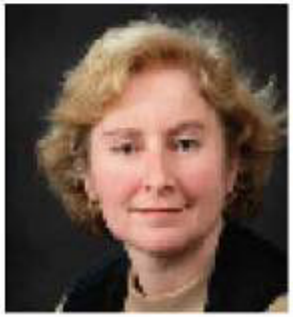
Lonnie King, D.V.M., is providing interim leadership for the proposed new National Center 2 which will focus on zoonotic, vector-borne, and enteric diseases. Most recently, Dr. King served as CDC's Director of the Office of Strategy and Innovation. Before coming to CDC, Dr. King was dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University. His training and background is in veterinarian medicine. He has experience in food safety and security, emerging diseases, new zoonoses, and bioterrorism. He is also trained in epidemiology with expertise in disease transmission, ecosystems, and statistics. He has a great deal of experience working on national animal disease eradication campaigns as well as national and global emergencies. Dr. King dedicated 20 years of his career to the U.S. Department of Agriculture where he served as Administrator for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. During that period, he also served as the country's chief veterinary officer for five years and worked extensively in global trade agreements within NAFTA and the World Trade Organization.

Kevin Fenton, M.D., Ph.D., is the director of the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP), and will be the director of the proposed National Center 3. Dr. Fenton previously served as chief of CDC's National Syphilis Elimination Effort since January 2005. He has worked in research, epidemiology, and the prevention of HIV and other STDs since 1995. Dr. Fenton was previously the Director of the HIV and STD Department at the United Kingdom's Health Protection Agency and spearheaded the development of the Chlamydia Screening Program in England, and the European STI Surveillance Network. He has worked closely with UK Government, European Commission Networks and WHO Europe in developing sexual health policy and HIV/STD prevention and surveillance programs.



Rima Khabbaz, M.D., is the director of the National Center for Infectious Diseases, (NCID), and will be the director of the proposed National Center 4. Dr. Khabbaz began her career at CDC as an EIS Officer in 1980 and most recently served as Acting Deputy Director of NCID. She has worked in research and epidemiology of hospital acquired infections, viral diseases and played a leading role in coordinating CDC's programs around blood safety, food safety as well as emerging infectious diseases. She has played critical roles in CDC's responses to bioterrorism, outbreaks of new diseases, and infectious disease responses to natural disasters.

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Current Structure

CCID

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Director

National Immunization Program	National Center for Infectious Diseases	National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention
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Director	Director	Director

Proposed Realignment of National Centers

CCID

NC-1

Focus on Immuni-zation and Respiratory Diseases

NC-2

Focus on Zoonotic, Vector-borne and Enteric Diseases

NC-3

Focus on HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention

NC-4

Cross-cutting Focus Includes:

- **Bioterrorism Preparedness & Response**
- **Global Migration & Quarantine**
- **Healthcare Quality Promotion**
- **Scientific Resources**
- **Emerging Infections & Surveillance**
- **Laboratory Systems**
- **Arctic Investigations**