**PERSONAL DATA**

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**PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:**

* Extensive experience developing, organizing, and sustaining large, global, multilateral, cooperative, productive research and programmatic unit in emergently critical domain in public health (HIV prevention trials and immunization safety).
* Knowledge of current HIV/AIDS prevention/control programs, especially HIV vaccines, U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and prevention of medical transmission of HIV via injections or blood transfusion.
* Extensive knowledge of pre- and post-licensure processes for pharmaceutical products, especially vaccines and devices, especially research and development, regulatory/licensure, recommendation/ policy development and procurement process.
* Extensive knowledge of vaccine safety and injection safety, including pharmacoepidemiology, risk/safety assessment, risk communication, risk minimization, and risk management of existing and new products.
* Extensive theoretical and practical knowledge of multiple vaccine preventable diseases in developing and developed countries; first author of “Epidemiologic Methods for Immunization Programs” in Epidemiologic Reviews 1996;18:99-117.
* Extensive experience in training public health professionals, including first EIS Officers from the former Soviet Union, Japan, Korea, Belgium, and Poland.
* Fluent language skills in verbal and written English, French, Chinese in international public health and program contexts.
* Other notable personal skills in creativity, ethics, intellectual curiosity and rigor, and leadership.

**PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Jan 2012+ Medical Officer, Clinical Trials Team, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention

* Coordinate and lead preparations of CDC application to join NIH HIV/AIDS Clinical Trial Network as a Clinical Trial Unit (CTU) with associated Clinical Research Sites (CRS) in Botswana, Kenya, Thailand, and Uganda.
* Serve as lead CDC technical expert on HIV vaccines.
* Support Kisumu, Kenya site in HIV prevention studies.
* Associate Editor, Vaccine.

June 2008-Dec 2011 HIV Vaccine & Special Studies Team Leader; Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention

* Supported Kisumu, Kenya site in HIV prevention studies, notably participation in HPTN 052, a Phase III, two-arm, multi-site, randomized trial demonstrating 96% effectiveness in preventing the sexual transmission of HIV in HIV-serodiscordant couples via earlier anti-retroviral therapy; deemed “Breakthrough of the Year” for 2011 by Science magazine.
* In addition to HIV Vaccine-related duties, added responsibilities to develop, implement, and evaluate male circumcision interventions to prevent HIV transmission in the U.S.
* Serve as CDC technical expert on unsafe injection practices, blood safety, and other issues resulting in HIV transmission.

Dec 2006-2008 HIV Vaccine Team Leader; Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention

* Directs the development, implementation and evaluation of biomedical, epidemiologic and social behavioral research studies related primarily to HIV vaccine clinical trials.
* Serve as the CDC technical expert supporting national and international workgroups/committees focused on advancing HIV vaccine clinical efficacy research initiatives, and the continuing development of national and global HIV vaccine guidelines and policies.
* Oversees all phases of scientific studies conducted by the HIV Vaccine Team of the Epidemiology Branch.
* Responsible for CDC’s engagement with the U.S. Partnership for AIDS Vaccine Evaluation (PAVE).

2004-2006 Injection Safety Coordinator, Medical Transmissions Team Leader (July-Dec 2005) Global AIDS Program (GAP), CDC, Atlanta, GA

* Serve as expert technical advisor on preventing medical transmission of HIV to GAP, other relevant CDC divisions, Ministries of Health, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), WHO, UNAIDS, and other public health partners.
* Monitor and manage cooperative agreements and contracts for technical assistance, training, with annual budget of ~$15 million for injection safety and ~$45 million for blood safety funded by PEPFAR. Major strategy shifts implemented include, identifying optimal budget allocations for the project, adding phlebotomy and other high risk procedures, enhancing role of monitoring and evaluation, refining role of retractable syringes.
* Develop operational research on provision of safe blood and safe injection healthcare services, including appropriate budgeting for management of medical wastes, enhancing rational injections via standard treatment guidelines, role of informal sector in medical transmission, and overcoming barriers to effective sharps injury surveillance in developing country health care workers..

2002-2004 Chief, Immunization Safety Branch, National Immunization Program, CDC, Atlanta, GA

1994-2002 Chief, Vaccine Safety and Development Activity, National Immunization Program, CDC

1992-1994 Chief, Vaccine Safety Activity, Division of Immunization, CDC.

* Help maintain public confidence in immunizations in the U.S. by:
	+ Rebuilding and modernizing the US vaccine safety monitoring system at a time when vaccine-preventable diseases are at all time lows and public attention is shifting to the potential risks of immunization.
	+ Successfully advocating for the greater independence and separation of vaccine risk assessment functions from vaccine risk management and vaccine promotion functions of the National Immunization Program (NIP).
	+ Monitor the human vaccines in routine use to detect new safety concerns and assess the magnitude of their risks (if any), their pathophysiology, and risk factors.
	+ Supervise ~25 staff members, 10 trainees/fellows and annual budget of $16 million arrayed in four teams: Safety Signals, Safety Studies, Vaccine Acceptance and Risk Perception, and Vaccine Development.
* Created the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), NIP’s largest (N~16,000/year) and most complex surveillance system to detect signals of potential vaccine safety concerns.
* Created the Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD) project, CDC’s largest collaborative project with managed care. Computerized vaccination and medical records are linked on cohort of >6 million persons to provide scientifically rigorous answers to vaccine safety questions.
* Created the Clinical Immunization Safety Assessment (CISA) centers, a network of tertiary centers for standardized intensive clinical study of persons with vaccine adverse events and potential contraindications (e.g., genetic and other risk factors).
* Created the Brighton Collaboration, an international voluntary consortium to develop standardized case definitions for adverse events following immunizations (e.g., fever). Development of a “common language” among researchers is key to advancing the science of vaccine safety.
* Conducted many key studies on vaccine safety, thereby provide scientific rigorous data on the (rare) risks of immunizations for policy making at both the population and individual levels.
* Created the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Immunization Safety Review Committee to provide a rapid assessment of new vaccine safety hypotheses for their biologic plausibility and public health importance.
* Launched the Vaccine Risk Communications and Research (VARICORE) initiative to help correct misinformation from anti-vaccine groups about the safety and importance of vaccines.

4-7/1999 Medical Officer, Vaccines and Biologicals Cluster, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland (on detail from CDC).

* Planned and launched the Safe Injection Global Network (SIGN), to help develop solutions to probably the largest iatrogenic disaster of the 20th century: transmission of blood-borne pathogens from the introduction of syringes and needles.
	1. Medical Epidemiologist, Division of Immunization, CDC, Atlanta, GA
* Project officer for the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) and the Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD) project.
* Conducted pivotal study on whether Russian diphtheria vaccine was efficacious or not, guiding the strategies to control resurgence of diphtheria in the former Soviet Union during the 1990's.
* Conducted pivotal studies on measles that defined 1) the laboratory correlate of protection against measles now used as the “gold standard”, 2) the potential for explosive spread of measles via aerosolization, and 3) the risk for “post-honeymoon period” outbreaks .

1987-88 Chief, Health Resources and Services Branch, AIDS Office, City and County of San Francisco Department of Public Health, California

* Managed and preserved the innovative “out-of-hospital” continuum of services for persons with AIDS in San Francisco at a critical time during the AIDS epidemic.
* Conducted the first HIV/AIDS assessment of People’s Republic of China for WHO’s Global Programme on AIDS.

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

* 1. Doctor of Medicine (**M.D.**) Pritzker School of Medicine

University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

l979-80 Master of Arts (**M.A.**), Committee on Public Policy Studies

 University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

* 1. Bachelor of Science (**B.S.** Honors Biology, Chemistry)

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois

**Post\_Graduate Training:**

1. Fellow, International Society of Pharmacoepidemiology (**F.I.S.P.E.**)

1989 New England Epidemiology Institute Summer Program

1986-87 Preventive Medicine Residency

Division of Field Services, Epidemiology Program Office

Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia

Assigned to:

Epidemiological Studies & Surveillance Section

Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

California Department of Health Services

1984-86 Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer

Surveillance, Investigations and Research Branch

Division of Immunization, Center for Prevention Services

Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia

1982-84 Internal Medicine - Primary Care

Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, Illinois

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

2011 **NCHHSTP Director’s Recognition Award:** for its actions in overcoming difficult circumstances preparing the Kisumu Field Station for participation in the pivotal HPTN 052 Trial, thereby providing the first clear evidence that treating HIV infected persons early can dramatically reduce sexual transmission of HIV.

2010 **Public Health Service Unit Commendation:** for its exceptional leadership, teamwork and dedication in obtaining lab accreditation and launching a clinical trial between June, 2008 and December, 2009.

2009 **CDC Charles C. Shepard Science Award/Laboratory and Methods Nomination:** for study of Anti-Ganglioside Antibody Induction by Swine (A/NJ/1976/H1N1) and Other Influenza Vaccines: Insights into Vaccine-Associated Guillain-Barré Syndrome.

2007 **Public Health Service Outstanding Unit Citation:** for “extraordinary vision, professional leadership, teamwork, and dedication in responding to The President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.”

2005 **National Center for HIV and STD Prevention Honor Award:** for its vision, endurance, and compassion in preventing/treating HIV, while expanding its operations to help implement the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

2004 **Public Health Service Outstanding Unit Citation:** for enhancing the Nation’s capacity for smallpox preparedness and emergency response through planning and implementing the National Smallpox Vaccination Program.

2004 **Public Health Service Unit Commendation:** for the development and oversight of the Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD) project Data Sharing program to meet the urgent but conflicting needs for increased transparency of CDC research to enhance public credibility and the VSD project.

2004 **CDC Charles C. Shepard Science Award/Laboratory and Methods Nomination:** for a retrospective cohort study of the association of varicella vaccine failure with asthma, steroid use, age at vaccination, and measles-mumps-rubella vaccination.

2003 **CDC/NIP Stephen R. Preblud Excellence in Science Award:** for model-based estimates of risks of disease transmission and economic costs of seven injection devices in sub-Saharan Africa.

2003 **CDC Charles C. Shepard Science Award/Laboratory and Methods Nomination:** for model-based estimates of risks of disease transmission and economic costs of seven injection devices in sub-Saharan Africa.

2002 **Public Health Service Unit Commendation:** for exemplary performance of duty in the investigation of a smallpox vaccine reaction among CDC smallpox responders.

2002 **CDC/ATSDR Group Honor Award:** for extraordinary contributions and commitment to developing the course curriculum, training materials, and exercises, and for providing exceptional logistical management for the Smallpox Response Response Team Training.

2001 **CDC/ATSDR Lifetime Scientific Achievement Award Nomination:** for many studies of vaccine safety yielding essential information for public health policy makers.

2000 **Public Health Service Outstanding Unit Commendation/DHHS Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service**: for work on the Rotavirus Vaccine and Intussusception investigation.

1998 **Bicentennial Unit Commendation**: for extended active duty service during PHS Bicentennial year.

1998 **Public Health Service Outstanding Unit Commendation:** for work performed as a member of the vaccine-preventable disease surveillance training team.

1998 **Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program, Division of Research, Best Published Paper July 1997-June 1998**: Risk of chronic arthropathy among women after rubella vaccination.

1997 **Public Health Service Outstanding Unit Commendation:** for role in attaining the 1996 Childhood Immunization Initiative and the highest immunization levels ever in the U.S..

1997 **Public Health Service Unit Commendation:** for revising and updating the Adverse Events and Contraindications sections of the Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

1997 **Public Health Service Unit Commendation:** for exceptional role in maintaining public confidence in immunizations.

1996 **Regular Corps Ribbon:** for assimilation into the Regular Corps of Commissioned Corps.

1996 **Public Health Service Unit Commendation:** for valuable contribution to developing an integration of the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System and the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program database.

1996 **Public Health Service Citation**: for support & contribution to the vaccine-safety efforts of the Advisory Commission of Childhood Vaccines.

1996  **Public Health Service Outstanding Service Medal:** for outstanding leadership in developing a vision and guiding scientific and policy efforts to improve vaccine safety, thereby promoting public confidence in the nation=s immunization program.

1995  **Public Health Service Foreign Duty Award:** for extended service overseas in Burundi for investigation of a measles outbreak.

1993  **Public Health Service Unit Commendation:** for valuable contribution to the development of the Combatting Childhood Communicable Diseases end-of-project documents on the lessons learned and the achievements from a decade of child survival activities in Africa.

1992  **Public Health Service Unit Commendation:** for an outstanding team effort in the investigation of a possible association between Guillain-Barré syndrome and the 1990-91 influenza vaccine.

1991 **Public Health Service Achievement Medal:** for sustained high-quality scientific work on the epidemiology of vaccine-preventable diseases, especially his noteworthy contributions to the study of measles, diphtheria, pertussis, and poliomyelitis.

1990 **Public Health Service Commendation Medal:** for contributions to study of vaccine safety and the development of a reporting system for adverse events following vaccination.

l982  **Upjohn Award for Outstanding Achievement:** during four years of medical school, Pritzker School of Medicine, University of Chicago

**MEDICAL LICENSURE AND BOARD CERTIFICATION**

6/1979 National Board of Medical Examiners Part I

5/1981 National Board of Medical Examiners Part II

3/1983 National Board of Medical Examiners Part III

1982-1987 Illinois #036-067354

1987- present California #G59509

1990- present American Board of Preventive Medicine #50404

2004- present Fellow, International Society of Pharmacoepidemiology (FISPE)

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

1. American Public Health Association
2. American College of Preventive Medicine
3. Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Alumni Association
4. International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Professional Committees:**

2007+ WHO-UNAIDS HIV Vaccine Advisory Committee

2008-10 European Malaria Vaccine Development Association Challenge Trials Working Group

 Vaccine Vigilance Technical Working Group, Health Canada

 CDC representative on the Partnership for AIDS Vaccine Evaluation (PAVE) Executive Steering Group

1999-05 Steering Committee, Brighton Collaboration

1999-04 WHO Steering Committee on Immunization Safety

1999-04 WHO Global Vaccine Safety Advisory Committee

1996-99 Board of Directors, International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology (ISPE)

1995-04 CDC Liaison, Subcommittee on Vaccine Safety, National Vaccine Advisory Committee

1995-98 Institute of Medicine, Vaccine Safety Forum

1994-96 Secretary-Treasurer, EIS Alumni Association

1994-95 Committee on Standards for Pharmacoepidemiology Studies Used for Regulatory Purposes, ISPE

1991-93 Governing Council, Epidemiology Section, American Public Health Association.

1989-91 Section Council, Epidemiology Section, American Public Health Association.

1987-89 Asian-American AIDS Task Force, San Francisco

**Health Policy/Program Management:**

10/03 Consultant, WHO, Immunization Safety, China

1998-00 Consultant, Agence Produit de Santé, France

11/99 Consultant, WHO, Immunization Safety, China

1/98 Consultant, WHO, Immunization Safety, Bishkek, Kyrgystan.

2/97 Chairman, World Health Organization (WHO) Steering Group on the Development of Jet Injectors for Immunizations.

10/95 Consultant, WHO, Review the Safety of Jet Injectors, London.

3/94 Consultant, UNICEF, Evaluate the Tanzanian Expanded Program on Immunizations (EPI) for ability to conduct surveillance for adverse events following immunization (AEFI).

7/93 Rapporteur, WHO/European Regional Office, Diphtheria in Europe Meeting, St. Petersburg.

11/92 Consultant, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Assess the diphtheria outbreak and vaccine supply in Ukraine.

1989-99 Public Health Service Task Force for Safer Childhood Vaccines

9/91 Consultant, WHO/Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Develop options for Vaccine Adverse Events Surveillance.

11/90 Consultant, WHO/EURO, WHO Working Group on Immunization of Tourists and Other Travellers, Venice, Italy.

1988-90 Consultant, WHO/Global Program on AIDS, Development of Short and Medium\_Term AIDS Surveillance and Prevention Plan, People's Republic of China.

1987-88 Plan, develop, and coordinate, the out\_of\_hospital continuum of services for persons with AIDS; health services research; proposal writing; contract management.

11/85 Consultant, UNICEF, Review and develop plan for acceleration of EPI and other related child survival activities, Madagascar.

**Journal Reviewer:**

American Journal of Epidemiology American Journal of Public Health

**Archives of Disease in Childhood** Bulletin of World Health Organization

Archives of Internal Medicine Clinical Infectious Disease

Drug Safety Emerging Infectious Diseases

Epidemiology and Infection Expert Opinion on Drug Safety

Human Vaccines International Journal of Epidemiology

Journal of American Medical Association Journal of Infectious Diseases

Journal of the Neurological Sciences Journal of Pediatrics

Journal of Public Health Policy Lancet

New England Journal of Medicine Pediatrics

Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety

PLoS One Public Health Reports

Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology Vaccine

**Study Reviewer**

Vaccine Adverse Events in Kenya (VAEIK) Study: 2010+

The Ethiopian PCV-10 Study: 2012+

**Journal Editorial Board:**

Vaccine: Associate Editor, Jan 2010+

Human Vaccines: Editorial Board, Jan 2005+

**Scientific Conferences:**

2012 Intl Conf on Pharmacoepidemiology, Barcelona: Core Committee

2011 Intl Conf on Pharmacoepidemiology, Chicago: Core Committee

2010 AIDS Vaccine Conference, Atlanta: Local Organizing Committee

**Outbreak Investigations:**

2001 Suspected “cellulitis” among CDC smallpox vaccinees

1999 Rhesus rotavirus tetravalent vaccine and intussusception

1990+ Whether influenza vaccination causes Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS).

11/92 Evaluate cause and vaccine needs, diphtheria in Ukraine.

4/92 Evaluate sudden infant deaths after diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP) vaccination, Taiwan.

1989 Evaluate impact of EPI on acute and long term measles morbidity and mortality; role of schools and health centers in transmission, Burundi.

4/87 Evaluate community impact of pentachlorophenol/dioxin exposure, Oroville, California

1986 Conduct surveillance and control outbreak of poliomyelitis, evaluate vaccine efficacy of a new more potent injectable polio vaccine, Senegal .

8/85 Study of transmission patterns of pertussis, Laughlin Air Force Base, Del Rio, Texas

5/85 Study of contact and airborne transmission; epidemic modeling; case\_control study for risk factors for measles, Elgin, Illinois.

3/85 Study of vaccine adverse events and protective antibody titers by new laboratory assays., measles, Boston metropolitan area, Massachusetts

10/84 Study of adult to adult transmission of pertussis in the workplace, Seattle, Washington

**Surveillance:**

1988-04 Adverse events following immunizations, United States

1990-91 Seroprevalence of polio immunity in inner-city population, United States

1984-86 Diphtheria, Pertussis, United States

1971-81 Diphtheria, United States

**Teaching:**

2008+ Adjunct Professor, Department of Epidemiology, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

1997+ Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of International Health, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

1994+ Instructor, Epidemiology in Action course. Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

6/92 Vaccine Preventable Disease Surveillance Course, Nouakchott, Mauritania.

3/91 "Issues in Vaccine Pharmacoepidemiology". Pharmacoepidemiology Workshop, Univ. of North Carolina School of Public Health.

1991 Developed epidemiologic teaching exercise: "A measles outbreak in a highly immunized population: health sector Muyinga, Burundi 1988-1989".

1988+ Instructor, Epidemiology, Prevention and Control of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases

7/86 Instructor, EIS Course, Atlanta, GA

**EIS Officers Supervised:**

2011-13 Rennatus Mdobo PhD

2009-11 Charbel El Bcheraou, MSc, PhD

2007-09 Christina Dorell MD MPH; (Wan-Ting Huang MD)

2005-07 (Fatma Soud PhD)

2004-06 Miriam Sabin PhD

2003-05 Angela Calugar MD MPH

2002-04 Alena Y Khromova MD MPH

2001-03 Weigong Zhou MD PhD

1999-01 Thomas M Verstraeten MD MSc

1997-98 Hiroshi Takahashi MD MSc

1997-99 Piotr Kramarz MD PhD

1996-98 Vitali Pool MD

1995-97 Jenifer C. Lloyd DVM MSPH

1994-96 Steven R Rosenthal MD MPH

**Emory MPH Students Supervised:**

2010-12: Baevin Carbery

2008-09: Christina Maria Via; Renee Yu

2007-08: Amy Elizabeth Berrera

2005-06: Fauzia Khan, Jennifer Lasley

2002-03: Brenda Thompson, Kattrina Hancy

Lisa Lindsay

Dan Salmon

**PUBLICATIONS**

Journal Articles:

1. Ambrose HW, Givens RP, Chen R, Ambrose KP. Distastefulness as a defense mechanism in Aplysia braziliana. Marine Behavior and Physiology. 1971; 6:57\_64.
2. Berkelhamer JE, Noyes EJ, Chen RT. Child health policy \_ an overview of federal involvement, Advances in Pediatrics, 29:211\_28, l982.
3. Chen RT, Broome CV, Weinstein RA, Weaver R, Tsai TF. Diphtheria in the United States, l971\_l981, Am J Public Health 1985; 75:1393\_97.
4. Chen RT, Spira TJ. Tetanus prophylaxis in AIDS patients (letter). JAMA; l986, 255:l061.
5. Chen RT, Rutherford GW, Payne SF, Barnhart JL, Baskett LH. Use of hospitals by patients with AIDS in San Francisco (letter). N Engl J Med 1988; 319:1671\_1672.
6. Chen RT, Goldbaum GM, Wassilak SGF, Markowitz LE, Orenstein WA. An explosive point\_source measles outbreak in a highly immunized population: modes of transmission and risk factors for disease. Am J Epidemiol 1989;129:173\_182.
7. Orenstein WA, Bernier RH, Chen RT. Pertussis \_ a disease and a vaccine that are not going away. West J Med 1989;150:339\_341.
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9. Chen RT, Markowitz LE, Albrecht P, Stewart JA, Mofenson LM, Preblud SR, Orenstein WA. Measles antibody: reevaluation of protective titers. J Infect Dis 1990; 162:1036-1042.
10. Chen RT, Moses JM, Markowitz LE, Orenstein WA. Adverse events following measles-mumps-rubella and measles vaccination in college students. Vaccine 1991, 9:297-299.
11. Cutts FT, Henderson RH, Clements CJ, Chen RT, Patriarca PA. Principles of measles control. Bull WHO 1991;69:1-7.
12. Woodruff BA, Chen RT. Oral typhoid vaccination for travelers (letter). Arch Intern Med 1991; 151:619-620.
13. Fine PEM, Chen RT. Confounding in studies of adverse reactions to vaccines. Am J Epidemiol 1992;136:121-35.
14. Chen RT, Orenstein WA. Recent developments in vaccines for travellers: viral diseases. In: Lobel HO, Steffen R, Kozarsky PE, eds. Proceedings of the Second Conference on International Travel Medicine, May 1991, Atlanta, GA. Atlanta: International Society of Travel Medicine, 1992:119-21.
15. Chen RT. The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS): a new resource for data on vaccine safety for travelers. In: Lobel HO, Steffen R, Kozarsky PE, eds. Proceedings of the Second Conference on International Travel Medicine, May 1991, Atlanta, GA. Atlanta: International Society of Travel Medicine, 1992:128-30.
16. Farizo KM, Strebel PM, Chen RT, Kimbler A, Cleary TJ, Cochi SL. Fatal respiratory disease due to Corynebacterium diphtheriae: case report and review of guidelines for management, investigation, and control. Clin Infect Dis 1993;16:59-68.
17. Longini IM, Halloran ME, Haber M, Chen RT. Measuring vaccine efficacy from epidemics of acute infectious agents. Statistics in Medicine 1993;12:249-63.
18. Simon PA, Chen RT, Elliott JA, Schwartz B. Outbreak of pyogenic abscesses after diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussis vaccination. Pediatr Infect Dis J 1993;12:368-71.
19. Chen RT, Weierbach R, Bisoffi Z, Cutts F, Rhodes P, Ramaroson S, Ntembagara C, Bizimana F. A "post-honeymoon period" measles outbreak in Muyinga Sector, Burundi. Int J Epidemiol 1994;23:185-93.
20. Chen RT, Rastogi SC, Mullen JR, Hayes S, Cochi SL, Donlon JA, Wassilak SG. The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). Vaccine 1994;12:542-50.
21. Chen RT, Haber P, Mullen JR. Surveillance of the safety of simultaneous administration of vaccines, the CDC experience. Ann NY Acad Sci. 1995;754:309-20.
22. Wassilak SGF, Glasser JW, Chen RT, Hadler SC, and Vaccine Safety Datalink Investigators. Utility of large-linked databases in vaccine safety, particularly in distinguishing independent and synergistic effects. Ann NY Acad Sci. 1995;754:377-82.
23. Rosenthal S, Chen RT. Reporting sensitivities of two passive surveillance systems for vaccine adverse events. Am J Public Health. 1995;85:1706-9.
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26. Grabowsky M, Hadler SC, Chen RT, Edwards KM. Vaccination in the immunocompromised person. Bull Rheum Dis 1995;44:3\_6.
27. Rosenthal S, Chen R, Hadler SC. The safety of acellular pertussis vaccine versus whole cell pertussis vaccine: a post-marketing assessment. Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med. 1996;150:457-60.
28. Chen RT, Rosenthal S. An errant critique that misses the mark. Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med. 1996;150:464-5. Editorial.
29. Chen RT, Hausinger S, Dajani AS, Hanfling M, et al. Seroprevalence of Antibody Against Poliovirus in Inner-City Preschool Children: Implications for Vaccination Policy in the United States. J Am Med Assoc 1996;276:1639-45.
30. Chen RT. Oral poliomyelitis vaccines. Lancet 1996;347:1496. Letter.
31. ISPE ad hoc working group. Guidelines for good epidemiology practices for drug, device, and vaccine research in the United States. Pharmacoepidemiology and drug safety. 1996;5:333-8.
32. Chen RT, Orenstein WA. Epidemiologic Methods for Immunization Programs. Epidemiol Rev. 1996;18:99-117.
33. Davis R, Vadheim C, Black S, Shinefield H, Chen R, et al. Immunization tracking systems: experience of the CDC Vaccine Safety Datalink Sites. HMO Practice 1997;11:13-17
34. Ellenberg SS, Chen RT. The complicated task of monitoring vaccine safety. Public Health Reports 1997;112:10-20.
35. Ellenberg SS, Chen RT. Riesgos de la vacunacion. Medico Interamericano 1997;16:220-4.
36. Chen RT, Glasser J, Rhodes P, Davis RL, Barlow WE, Thompson RS, Mullooly JP, Black SB, Shinefield HR, Vadheim CM, Marcy SM, Ward JI, Wise RP, Wassilak SG, Hadler SC. The Vaccine Safety Datalink Project: A New Tool for Improving Vaccine Safety Monitoring in the United States. Pediatrics 1997;99:765-73.
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39. Heijbel H, Chen RT, Dahlquist G. Cumulative incidence of childhood-onset IDDM is unaffected by pertussis immunization. Diabetes Care 1997;20:173-5.
40. Chen RT. Safety of acellular pertussis vaccine: follow-up studies. Dev Biol Stand 1997;89:373-5.
41. Davis RL, Marcuse E, Black S, Lewis E, Chen R, et al. MMR2 at 4-5 years and 10-11 years of age. A comparison of adverse event rates in the Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD) Project. Pediatrics 1997;100:767-771.
42. Ray P, Black S, Shinefield H, Dillon A, Schwalbe J, Holmes S, Hadler S, Chen R, et al. Risk of chronic arthropathy following rubella vaccination. JAMA 1997; 278:551-6.
43. Tuttle J, Chen RT, et al. GBS after tetanus-toxoid containing vaccines in adults and children: what is the risk? Am J Public Health. 1997;87:2045-8.
44. Gangarosa EJ, Galazka AM, Wolfe CR, Phillips LM, Gangarosa RE, Miller E, Chen RT. Impact of the anti-vaccine movements on pertussis control: the untold story. Lancet 1998;351:356-61.
45. Chen RT, DeStefano F. Vaccine adverse event: causal or coincidental? (Commentary). Lancet 1998;351:611-2.
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47. Niu MT, Rhodes P, Salive M, Lively T, Davis DM, Black S, Shinefield H, Chen RT, Ellenberg SS, and the VAERS and VSD working groups. Comparative safety of two recombinant hepatitis b vaccines in children: data from the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) and Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD). J Clin Epidemiol 1998;51:503-10.
48. Parashar UD, Holman RC, Bresee JS, Clarke MJ, Rhodes PH, Davis RL, Thompson RS, Mullooly JP, Black SB, Shinefield HR, Marcy M, Vadheim CM, Ward JI, Chen RT, Glass RI, and the Vaccine Safety Datalink Team. Epidemiology of Diarrheal Disease among Children Enrolled in Four West Coast Health Maintenance Organizations. Pediatr Infect Dis J 1998;17:605-11
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48. Long EF, Andersson KM, Chen RT, Glasser JW, Hankins CA, Harmon T, Owens DK. A model-based consensus on the impact of an RV144-like HIV vaccine in diverse epidemic settings".XIX AIDS Conference (AIDS 2012), Washington, D.C., July 22-27, 2012.

# Invited Presentations or Talks (Since 2000):

1. Vaccine Safety Monitoring: A New Imperative for Immunization Programs. Korean Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases, Seoul, Korea, April, 2000.
2. Vaccine Safety Update. Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) Infectious Disease Policy Committee, Atlanta, GA, May 19, 2000.
3. Establishing Causality in Vaccine Safety Studies: Lines of Evidence. Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Expanded Program in Immunizations (EPI) Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meeting. Iguasu Falls, Brazil, May 2000.
4. Update on Vaccine Safety Monitoring in the U.S.: Sustaining Mature Immunization Programs. World Vaccine Congress, Paris, France, September, 2000. Update on Vaccine Safety Monitoring in the U.S.: Sustaining Mature Immunization Programs. European Society of Pharmacovigilance, Verona, Italy, September, 2000.
5. Vaccine Safety. Vaccines are beneficial! What are the risks? Berzelius symposium on vaccines, Stockholm, Sweden. February, 2001.
6. Update on Vaccine Safety. 7th Conference of the International Society of Travel Medicine, Innsbruck, Austria, May 27-31, 2001.
7. Vaccine Triggers for Intussusception? and Measuring Vaccines: Benefits and Risks. 41st Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (ICAAC). Chicago, IL. September 22-25, 2001.
8. Maintaining Public Confidence in Immunizations: Role of Vaccine Safety at CDC. AAP Chapter Advocacy Summit, Atlanta, Georgia. November 9-11, 2001.
9. La seguridad de las vacunaciones sistemáticas. First Congress of the Spanish Association of Vaccinology, Cadiz, Spain, 15-17 November, 2001
10. Issues in Vaccine Safety. 41st Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (ICAAC), Chicago, IL, December 16-19, 2001.
11. Vaccine Safety: A Cumulative Scientific Endeavor and Combination Vaccines: Meeting the New Opportunities and Challenges. 7th annual Massachusetts Immunization Action Partership, Worchester, MA, May 16, 2002.
12. Cohort and case-control studies in the evaluation of safety of vaccines. The First International Symposium on The Evaluation of The Safety of Human Vaccines, Rome, Italy 22-23 May 2002.
13. Epidemiologic assessment of serious adverse events. Fourth Advanced Vaccinology Course. Annecy, France. June 12, 2002.
14. World Vaccine Congress Montreal 2002
15. CDC Perspective. New York State Vaccine Safety Summit. Cooperstown, NY. November 9-11, 2002.
16. Prospects of Combined Vaccines with Special Reference to Immunogenicity and Safety. First Emirates Conference on Vaccination, Dubai, UAE, December 14 -16, 2002.
17. Immunization safety monitoring system in the US. Vaccination in Tomorrow’s Society: New Information Pathways. Veyrier du Lac, France, 26-28 February 2003.
18. Dealing with the consequences of litigation - increased regulation and lower take up of vaccination programmes. World Vaccine Congress Montreal 2003, Montreal Canada, 7-9 April 2003.
19. Immunization Safety: An Emerging Imperative. 30th annual Pediatrics by the Sea, GA chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics, Sea Island, GA, June 13, 2003.
20. Symposia on Vaccine Safety. Pediatric Infectious Disease Society Conference, San Diego CA, October 13 and 14, 2003.
21. Immunization Safety: An Emerging Imperative. American College of Clinical Pharmacy Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. November 3, 2003.
22. Vaccine Safety: An Emerging Imperative. Symposium of the Dutch Society for Infection Diseases, Utrecht, The Netherlands, February 19, 2004.
23. Vaccine Safety: in Epidemiology 232 (Pharmacoepidemiology), graduate course in the Department of Epidemiology, School of Public Health of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Instructor: Harry Guess MD PhD. November 1, 2004.
24. Vaccine Safety: in Immunology 610 (Vaccines & Immune Therapeutics), graduate course in the Department of Pediatrics, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA. Instructors: Paul Offit MD and David Weiner MD, November 17, 2004.
25. Vaccine Safety Monitoring: in Public Health Surveillance Systems, graduate course in the Rollins School of Public Helath, Emory University, Atlanta GA. Instructor: Vicki S Hertzberg PhD, December 13, 2004.
26. Inaugural Catherine Peckham lecture, Centre for Paediatric Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Institute of Child Health London, UK, August 7, 2005.
27. SIGN: some insights from inception to implementation. Global Injection Safety and Infection Control Meeting. 14 -16 November 2005, Hanoi, Viet Nam.
28. Plastic Hypodermic Needles: An Affordable "Green" Solution to the Iatrogenic Disaster of Unsafe Injections. CDC Technology Forum, March23-24, 2006, Atlanta GA.
29. Case Studies of possible evaluations that would use a global vaccine safety data net: HIV vaccine. Global Vaccine Safety DataNet Meeting, Sept 11-13, 2007, Annecy France.
30. Enhancing vaccine safety assessment during vaccine development: some modest proposals. 2nd Global Congress on Vaccine. 7th – 9th December 2008, Boston, MA, USA
31. Science and Practice: Establishing the Evidence for Vaccines: the intriguing tale of Diphtheria: from von Behring to Moscow, Apr. 24, 2009, ECDC, Stockholm, Sweden.
32. What can be learned from vaccine adverse events surveillance for vaccine positive events? Current challenges and new methodological approaches to assess vaccine effectiveness and vaccination impact, Sept. 28-30 2009, Annecy, France.
33. Vaccine Safety Strategic Issues. Distributed Networks: Opportunities and Challenges.
International Society of Pharmacoepidemiology Mid-Year Symposium
April 12, 2010, Raleigh, NC.
34. HIV Vaccine: The Spring after a Long Winter? and A “Lifecycle” Approach to Vaccine Safety: Global Trends and Challenges. Sept. 24, 2010. 5th Asian Congress of Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Taipei, Taiwan.
35. Preparing for the Availability of a Partially Effective HIV Vaccine. Satellite symposium, AIDS Vaccine 2010, Sept. 28, 2010, Atlanta GA.
36. Brighton Collaboration Viral Vector Vaccines Safety Working Group. Global Collaborative Network for Vaccine Safety Studies. March 28-30, 2011, Veyrier-du-Lac, France.
37. Optimal safety assessment system for future vaccines against poverty-related diseases
(PRD:HIV, malaria, TB) in developing countries. Meeting on Post-licensure Evaluation of Vaccine Safety: Current Status and Future Directions. International Alliance for Biological Standardization, April 27-28, 2011, Barcelona, Spain.
38. Optimal safety assessment system for future vaccines against poverty-related diseases
(PRD:HIV, malaria, TB) in developing countries. 5th Vaccine and ISV Annual Global Congress, Oct. 4, 2011. Seattle, WA.