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Carolyn Clancy, MD



Acting Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Dr. Carolyn Clancy has served as Acting Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs since January 20, 2021. Previously she served as the Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Discovery, Education and Affiliate Networks. She has also served as the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Executive in Charge. Dr. Clancy also served as the Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Organizational Excellence overseeing VHA's performance, quality, safety, risk management, systems engineering, auditing, oversight, ethics and accreditation programs, as well as ten years as the Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. In 2015, Dr. Clancy was selected as the Outstanding Federal Executive of the Year by Disabled American Veterans.

Dr. Clancy, a general internist and health services researcher, is a graduate of Boston College and the University of Massachusetts Medical School. She holds an academic appointment at George Washington University School of Medicine and serves as Senior Associate Editor, Health Services Research. Dr. Clancy has contributed to eight academic textbooks and authored, co-authored and provided invited commentary in more than 225 scholarly journal articles. She served as member of the National Quality Forum, Board of Directors, as the Chair of the AQA Alliance and served on the Board of Governors, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute. An elected member of the National Academy of Medicine, Dr. Clancy was most recently presented with the 2014 Quality Champion Award, National Committee for Quality Assurance and was also named as Honorary Fellow, American Academy of Nursing.

Stephanie Dancer:



Dr Stephanie Dancer is a Consultant Microbiologist in NHS Lanarkshire and Professor of Microbiology at Edinburgh Napier University, Scotland. She has been editing the Journal of Hospital Infection for 20 years, five of them as editor-in-chief. She also edits for International Journal of Antimicrobial Agents and Infection, Disease & Health. She trained at Bart's Hospital in London followed by postgraduate studies at Guy's Hospital, where she gained a thesis on the epidemiology and biochemistry of toxin-producing

staphylococci.

In 2002-05 Stephanie set up national MRSA surveillance in Scotland and helped establish the Scottish Microbiology Forum. She is currently a member of the European Society for Clinical Microbiology and

Infectious Diseases (ESCMID) groups on infection control, MRSA & multi-resistant Gram-negative bacilli and NHS Scotland Cleaning & Decontamination committee.

Here research interests include: hospital cleaning, antimicrobial management, hospital-acquired infection and MRSA.

Professor Imogen Mitchell



Professor Imogen Mitchell is a Professor at the ANU Medical School, Clinical Director ACT COVID19 Response, Canberra Health Services and Senior Intensive Care Specialist at Canberra Hospital.

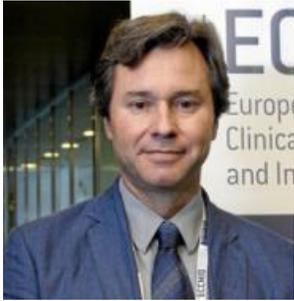
Professor Mitchell graduated from University of London and undertook her physician's training in the UK before moving to Australia to complete her specialist training in intensive care. Appointed initially as an intensive care specialist at Royal Prince Alfred and moved to Canberra in 1999 to take up the Directorship of the Intensive Care Unit at the Canberra Hospital. After 15 years as their Director and building the unit from 2 specialists to 11 specialists and securing C24 accreditation from the College of Intensive Care Medicine, she moved to being the Deputy Dean at the ANU Medical School in 2014. Just prior to moving to the Medical School, she won the prestigious Harkness Fellowship in Health Policy and Practice and spent 12 months at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Professor Mitchell was Director of the ANU Medical School from 2017 to 2020.

Matthias Maiwald



Matthias Maiwald is a Senior Consultant and the Head of Service, Microbiology, at KK Women's and Children's Hospital and an Adjunct Associate Professor at the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, National University of Singapore, and at Duke-National University of Singapore Graduate Medical School. He previously worked at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, subsequently at Stanford University, USA, and then at Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia. He holds a German board certification in medical microbiology, a Fellowship of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia, and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Medical Microbiology. He has three main areas of interest, microbiological aspects relevant to women's and children's health, molecular detection and characterization of fastidious and emerging pathogens, and infection control with an emphasis on hand hygiene and skin antisepsis. He has a publication record of more than 130 articles, including journal articles and medical textbooks chapters.

Jesús Rodríguez-Baño



Jesús Rodríguez-Baño is Professor of Medicine at the [University of Seville](#) and Head of the Infectious Diseases division at Hospital Universitario Virgen Macarena in Seville, Spain. He is also Scientific Chair of the Spanish Network for Research in Infectious Diseases (REIPI), which is funded by Instituto de Salud Carlos III, and President-Elect of the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID).

Jesús is a medical doctor and specialist in internal medicine, who gained his PhD in medicine in 1997 and expert degree in epidemiology and clinical research in 2000. He has since been a faculty member of the Infectious Diseases Division of Hospital Universitario Virgen Macarena. His main research interests are multidrug resistance in bacteria – its molecular basis, clinical implications, therapy and control – and bacteraemia, and healthcare-related infections.

Jesús is Associate-Editor of *Clinical Microbiology and Infection* and has been a member of the Program Committees for the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (ICAAC), ASM (American Society for Microbiology) Microbe and the European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ECCMID). He is also a member of the Scientific Advisory Board for the Joint Programming Initiative on Antimicrobial Resistance (JPIAMR) of the European Union.

Dr. Paul Yonga:



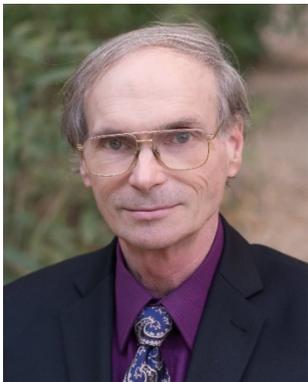
Dr. Paul Yonga is an infectious disease and tropical/travel medicine physician-scientist and clinical epidemiologist with clinical and research expertise in general infectious and tropical diseases, adult and adolescent vaccinology, HIV co-infections (TB, viral hepatitis) and co-morbidities (NCD care, anal dysplasia), HIV resistance, geriatric HIV Medicine, high resolution anoscopy (diagnostic and therapeutic), antimicrobial stewardship, management of drug-resistant infections, and outbreak investigations, as well as travel medicine, migration and refugee health. Dr. Yonga is also a clinical investigator serving as a Principal Investigator in a number of interventional and observational studies in infectious diseases and associated co-morbidities at the Fountain Projects and Research Office (FOPRO) Clinical Research Centre, as well as leading the design and conduct of clinical studies and data analysis. Having been trained in universities, research institutes, and hospitals across Africa, Europe, and North America, his passion is to contribute cutting edge clinical care to people living with HIV, HIV preventive services for populations at risk, as well as up-to-date infectious disease and tropical/travel medicine clinical and research activities in the East and Central African region.

Dr. Sebastian Hoehl



Sebastian Hoehl is a pediatrician, who has been training in general and primary care pediatrics. An interest in infectious disease research and microbiology led him to the Institute of Medical Virology at the University Hospital Frankfurt, Germany, where he has been working in virus diagnostics since 2018. Early in the pandemic, he has been involved in investigations on SARS-CoV-2 in returning travelers and in-flight transmission of the virus, and published correspondences as a first author in the *New England Journal of Medicine* and *JAMA open*, respectively. With a focus on child health, he has been co-leading statewide investigations on the role of daycare centers in the pandemic and on testing strategies with rapid antigen tests for SARS-CoV-2. A recent study examines Covid-19 and the novel variants of SARS-CoV-2 in ambulatory pediatrics.

Dr. Kevin Kavanagh



Kevin Kavanagh retired from medical practice over ten years ago from long-standing severe arthritis which was treated with multiple operations and the placement of Bone Morphogenic Protein in his neck. He is Founder and Board Chairman of Health Watch USAsm, a non-profit patient advocacy and healthcare policy research organization. Health Watch USAsm is a member of the National Quality Forum and has been designated as a “Community Leader” for Value-Driven Healthcare by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He has published over 20 peer-reviewed manuscripts on healthcare policy and/or research integrity problems, many of which deal with deficiencies in reporting systems and in controlling hospital acquired infections and drug-resistant organisms. In addition, he has published letters in peer-reviewed journals including the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and the *New England Journal of Medicine*. Dr. Kavanagh is also a frequent contributor to the *Lexington Herald Leader* on Healthcare Issues and over the last nine years a recurrent guest on the Jack Pattie Radio Show on health policy issues.

Dr. Kavanagh has been an Associate Editor for the *Journal of Patient Safety* since July 2014 and is a member of the Editorial Board of *Infection Control Today*. He has served on the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services’ Hospital Harm/Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program Technical Expert Panel (TEP) from 2014 to 2020; the AHRQ Standing Working Group for Quality Indicators for 2016 to 2017; the AHRQ Health Care Effectiveness and Outcomes Research (HEOR) Study Section from 2019 to present, and he has also serves on the National Quality Forum’s Consensus Standards Approval Committee (CSAC) (May 9, 2018-Sep. 30, 2018, Jan. 1, 2019 to Dec. 31, 2020).