



## 21st Annual Allegheny County Immunization Coalition Conference

# Vaccines in the Real World: Science, Decisions, and Delivery

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 | Regional Learning Alliance, Cranberry Township, PA

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| 7:30-8:00 AM      | Registration, Breakfast & Exhibitor Visits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 8:00-8:10 AM      | Welcome & Opening Remarks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 8:10-9:00 AM      | <b>The Work Behind the Shot: Access, Trust, and Public Health in Pennsylvania</b><br><b>Debra L. Bogen, MD</b>   Secretary of Health, Pennsylvania Department of Health<br>KEYNOTE - Remarks followed by Q&A                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 9:00-9:35 AM      | <b>Immunization in Allegheny County: Local Priorities, Pressures, and Public Health Response</b><br><b>Iulia Vann, MD, MPH</b>   Director, Allegheny County Health Department                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 9:35-10:10 AM     | <b>When Prevention Fails: A Pathologist's View of Vaccine-Preventable Disease and Public Health</b><br><b>Jennifer L. Hammers, DO</b>   Division Chief & Professor of Pathology, Duquesne University Nasuti College of Osteopathic Medicine; Founder, Jennifer Hammers Pathology LLC                                                                                                                                         |
| 10:10-10:35 AM    | Morning Break & Exhibitor Visits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 10:35-11:20 AM    | <b>Vaccine Decisions as Due Diligence: How Families Weigh Risk, Trust, and Information</b><br><b>Charlotte A. Moser, MS</b>   Co-Director, Vaccine Education Center, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 11:20 AM-12:00 PM | <b>Pharmacy Strategies for Vaccine Equity, Access, and Community Implementation</b><br><b>Sophia Herbert, PharmD</b>   Assistant Professor, Pharmacy and Therapeutics, University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy; Education Director, Pitt Vaccination & Health Connection Hub<br><b>Joni Carroll, PharmD, TTS (she/her)</b>   Assistant Professor, Pharmacy and Therapeutics, University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy |
| 12:00-1:00 PM     | Lunch & Exhibitor Visits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 1:00-1:40 PM      | <b>Controversies in Vaccination Among Older Adults: How Recommendations, Evidence, and Implementation Evolve</b><br><b>David A. Nace, MD, MPH</b>   Chief Medical Officer, UPMC Senior Communities; Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine                                                                                                                                             |
| 1:40-2:20 PM      | <b>Context Before Confrontation: Understanding the Information Patients Bring to Vaccine Encounters</b><br><b>Beth L. Hoffman, PhD, MPH</b>   Assistant Professor, Behavioral and Community Health Sciences, University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health                                                                                                                                                                |
| 2:20-2:45 PM      | Afternoon Networking, Exhibitor Visits & Refreshment Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2:45-3:35 PM      | <b>Trust at the Point of Care: Language, Access, and Real-World Vaccine Conversations</b><br>CLOSING PANEL   Potential panelists may include <b>Diego Chaves-Gnecco, MD, MPH, FAAP</b> ; two to three additional voices representing clinical care, community engagement, and vaccine access. Moderator: TBD.                                                                                                                |
| 3:35-4:00 PM      | Closing Remarks, CE Instructions & Acknowledgments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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