

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES
Healthy Aging and Immunizations
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WILBUR CHEN is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, where he is the Chief of the Adult Clinical Studies section at the Center for Vaccine Development and Director of the University of Maryland Travel Medicine Practice. He is a board-certified infectious disease physician with a focus on translational vaccine research. After receiving a B.A. from Boston University and M.D. from Howard University, Dr. Chen completed his residency in internal medicine at Johns Hopkins Bayview and fellowship in infectious disease at the University of Maryland. Subsequently, he completed an NIH T32 fellowship in Vaccinology and an M.S. in Clinical Research at the University of Maryland. He was elected Fellow of the American College of Physicians (FACP), Fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America (FIDSA), and has received numerous teaching awards at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. His primary research interests are two-fold: developing vaccines for the elderly (a rapidly growing segment of the global population which is susceptible to infection) and developing vaccines for enteric pathogens (diseases chiefly of resource-poor and economically disadvantaged populations). Dr. Chen is an active investigator within the NIAID-supported Vaccine and Treatment Evaluation Unit (VTEU), Co-PI of the clinical core of an NIAID-funded Cooperative Center for Human Immunology (CCHI U19), and PI of the NIAID-supported Food and Waterborne Diseases Integrated Research Network's Clinical Research Unit (FWD IRN CRU). He has been involved in conducting seasonal, pandemic 2009 H1N1, avian H5N1, and avian H7N9 influenza vaccine trials, including studies among older adults. He also conducts studies on enteric pathogens (such as: *Vibrio cholerae*, *Shigella flexneri*, and enterotoxigenic *E. coli*) on protective immunity against these human-host restricted organisms and the evaluation of candidate therapeutics and vaccines. He was the PI of the pivotal licensure studies for Vaxchora[®], the only licensed vaccine for cholera in the U.S.

ROBERT HOPKINS, JR., is professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics and serves as the Director of the Division of General Internal Medicine and Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine-Pediatrics combined residency at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Dr. Hopkins is past governor of the Arkansas Chapter of the American College of Physicians (ACP) [2007 – 2011]. He has been involved in local and national efforts to improve preventive immunization practices through service on the National Vaccine Advisory Committee to the US Department of Health and Human Services, the Arkansas Department of Health Vaccine Medical Advisory Board, the ACP Adult Immunization Physician Advisory Board, the ACIP Adult Immunization Workgroup and the Executive Committee of the National Influenza Vaccine Summit. Dr. Hopkins is board certified in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics and maintains an active teaching and clinical practice caring for adults and children. Dr. Hopkins has lectured and been published on a variety of medical topics, including evidence-based medical practice, adult and pediatric immunization, and quality improvement in primary care.

CHARLEY JOHN serves as Director of U.S. Public Policy for the Walgreen Company. He has been with Walgreens for 20 years, 14 of them as a pharmacist. He attended the University of Florida where he completed his doctorate of pharmacy. He started off his career in South Florida as a pharmacy intern and had stints in Cincinnati, and the Washington, D.C. metro area. At these stops he has served in a pharmacist and district supervisor capacity. His work included overseeing the Washington, D.C. district in efforts to grow and transform the role of the pharmacist, both in the

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retail and specialty setting. He has worked to improve access to health care through pharmacy by championing the role pharmacists play with medication counseling, adherence, disease state management, and immunizations. He has been featured in the Washington Post's, "A day in the life" series and served as a panelist at Senate and House briefings to showcase how pharmacist can play an increasing and effective role in health care. He has worked in the community partnering with several organizations to increase awareness of health topics such as heart disease, diabetes, and smoking cessation and bringing resources to the underserved and under-informed through screenings, medications, and consultations. Most recently, his work involves engaging with public officials and industry and community leaders around health care policy in efforts to improve the administration and outcomes of the health care system.

LITJEN (LJ) TAN is chief strategy officer of the Immunization Action Coalition, co-chair and co-founder of the National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit, and former president of the Board of the Adult Vaccine Access Coalition. He is an editor for *Vaccine*, *BMC Infectious Diseases*, *Medscape Infectious Diseases*, and a member of the ESCMID Vaccine Study Group. Dr. Tan's current appointments include serving as a special consultant for the European Union Influenza Summit and the Asia-Pacific Influenza Summit, and serving as a member of the Advisory Board for Unity (United for Adolescent Vaccination) Consortium, the 317 Coalition, and the AMGA's Adult Immunization Collaborative, to name a few. He was a voting member of the National Vaccine Advisory Committee from 2009 to 2013 and a liaison member of the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), from 2002 to 2012. Dr. Tan recently served on the National Quality Forum's Adult Immunizations Expert Committee, and currently serves on the Pharmacy Quality Alliance's Adult Immunization Working Group, and has also served on numerous other national and international expert advisory committees on issues ranging from vaccine hesitancy, to adult immunizations, to immunization access and delivery. His many recognitions include the 2011 CDC National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases Honor Awards: Excellence in Partnering, and an American Pharmacists Association 2009 National Immunization Champion Award. Throughout his career, Dr. Tan has been deeply involved with projects and publications on vaccine-related issues, including scientific and policy reports from the American Medical Association, where he was their director of Medicine and Public Health for 15 years. He is the proud father of three fully-immunized children. Dr. Tan received his master of science degree in biology at New York University and earned his doctorate of philosophy in microbiology/immunology from Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago.

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SARAH DASH is president and CEO of the Alliance for Health Policy. Previously, Ms. Dash was a member of the research faculty at the Georgetown University Health Policy Institute in the Center on Health Insurance Reforms and served as a senior health policy aide on Capitol Hill. She received her master's degree in public health from Yale University and a Bachelor of Science from MIT.