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Visiting Faculty

Thomas Casale, MD, FAAAAI, is Professor of Medicine and Chief of Allergy/Immunology at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, and is board-certified in allergy / immunology and internal medicine. He is a Past President and current Executive Vice President of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology. He serves on the Board of Directors of the World Allergy Organization. Dr. Casale's research interests are on mechanisms and treatments of asthma and allergic diseases and he has published over 225 scientific papers. Dr. Casale earned his medical degree from the Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, Chicago Medical School in Illinois. He completed his residency at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, and a fellowship at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

David Graft, MD, FAAAAI, is Past Chair of the Asthma & Allergic Diseases Department at the Park Nicollet Clinic, a large multi-specialty group practice in Minneapolis. He is an Adjunct Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota Medical School. Board certified in allergy / immunology and pediatrics, nearly 30 years of experience have made Dr. Graft one of America's leading experts on insect bites and stings. His medical interests include asthma, hay fever and insect sting allergies and he has published dozens of articles on these and other medical topics. Dr. Graft began his training with undergraduate studies at Northwestern University in Illinois and earned his medical degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland. He completed his pediatrics training at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health and his allergy / immunology fellowship at Johns Hopkins.

Rosa Ten, MD, PhD, FAAAAI, is an Associate Consultant of Allergy & Immunology at the University of California - San Francisco. Previously, she served as Associate Professor of Allergy at Riley Hospital for Children at the University of Indiana (2001-2009) in Indianapolis, and Associate Professor and Director of the Primary Immunodeficiency Clinic at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota (1996-2001). Board certified in allergy / immunology, her specialties include pediatric allergy and immunology, asthma, and immune deficiency. Dr. Ten earned her medical degree from the University of Madrid and her doctorate degree in immunology from the Mayo Clinic. She completed her training in internal medicine and allergy at the Mayo Clinic and her postdoctoral training at the Institute Pasteur and Necker Hospital in Paris, France.

James Tracy, DO, FAAAAI, FAAP, is in private practice in Omaha, Nebraska, with academic affiliations at Creighton University and the University of Nebraska. Previously, Dr. Tracy served as Chief of Allergy and Immunology at Offutt AFB (Omaha) and was an Air Combat Command Consultant for Allergy and Immunology. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology and American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology. He is published in the areas of anaphylaxis, insect allergy and primary immunodeficiencies. A graduate of the University of Maryland, he earned his medical degree from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his residency training in pediatrics at Travis AFB (San Francisco Bay Area), California, and a fellowship in allergy / immunology at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center at Lackland AFB (San Antonio), Texas. He is married to his wife of 32 years Susan, and has three sons. He enjoys the outdoors and fishing. This is his eighth visit to Alaska, including two visits in January when he comes to Alaska to escape the cold of Nebraska.

Local Faculty

Jeffrey G. Demain, MD, FAAAAI, FAAAAI, FAAP, is the Director and Founder of the Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Center of Alaska. Board certified in allergy / immunology and pediatrics, he is an Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Washington School of Medicine and is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. A nationally recognized speaker, he is very active in the American Academy of Allergy Asthma & Immunology, serving on numerous committees, including Secretary-treasurer of the Environmental & Occupational Respiratory Disease (EORD) Interest Section. He also serves as AAAAI/RSL Governor of Region 6 (includes Alaska and the Rocky Mountain states). Dr. Demain is published in numerous peer-reviewed medical journals and has been featured in many lay publications, including Newsweek. He is the co-author of a textbook, Cutaneous Allergy. Dr. Demain completed his bachelor of science degree at the University of Oklahoma. He received his medical degree from Texas Tech University and went on to complete his pediatric residency at Wright State University and his fellowship in Adult and Pediatric Allergy Immunology at Wilford Hall Medical Center. Dr. Demain served on the Alaska Governors Sub-cabinet for Climate Change, Adaptation Advisory Group. His current research is on the changing patterns of venomous insects and pollens in Alaska, as they relate to climate change. A long time Alaskan, Dr. Demain is an avid fly fisherman and outdoorsman.

Adrian Letz, MD, is board certified in allergy / immunology and internal medicine and is a member of the staff at the Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Center of Alaska. He joined the center in 2011. He served as an officer in the United States Air Force and practiced in military medical centers at Keesler AFB (Biloxi), Mississippi and Nellis AFB (Las Vegas), Nevada. Dr. Letz earned his medical degree at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. He completed his internal medicine residency and allergy/immunology fellowship at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB (San Antonio), Texas.

Eric Meier, MD, FAAAAI, FAAAAI, FACP, is board certified in allergy / immunology and internal medicine, and is a member of the staff at the Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Center of Alaska. Prior to joining the center in 2007, he was an active duty officer in the United States Air Force (USAF) and spent 10 years as an Air Force physician. His most recent active duty assignment was two years as Chief of Allergy at the 3rd Medical Group, Elmendorf AFB, and as the allergy consultant to the USAF Pacific Air Forces. Dr. Meier attended the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. After completing his residency in internal medicine at Keesler AFB Medical Center (Biloxi), Mississippi, he served as a staff internist at the U.S. Air Force Academy for three years. He completed his fellowship in allergy / immunology at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB (San Antonio), Texas, in 2005, before coming to Alaska. Dr. Meier is a marathon runner, skier and mountaineer.

Teresa Neeno, MD, FAAAAI, FAAP, has been a practicing Allergist since 1996 and is currently a specialist at the Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Center of Alaska. She is board certified in pediatrics and allergy / immunology. She earned her medical degree as a

Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, in 1991. Dr. Neeno completed her pediatric residency at Keesler AFB Medical Center followed by her allergy / immunology fellowship at the Mayo Clinic. A recipient of the U.S. Air Force Health Professions Scholarship, Dr. Neeno has authored and published multiple articles and abstracts. She is a frequent speaker and lecturer and has presented her research at national meetings across the United States. Dr. Neeno frequently volunteers as camp physician to the AAFA Alaska Asthma Camp, Peninsula Puffers. She served six years on the Allergy and Asthma Foundation of America, Alaska Chapter (AAFA-Alaska) Board of Directors and was President of the Board. Dr. Neeno and her three daughters are key participants in authoring AAFA-Alaska's storybook: Wheezin', Sneezin' & Itchin' in Alaska.

Lt. Col. Teresa Nesselroad, MD, is a board certified Allergist / Immunologist and Pediatrician, and an active duty United States Air Force (USAF) officer currently stationed at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (Anchorage) in Alaska. She also serves as the Regional Allergy Consultant for the USAF Pacific Air Forces. Previously, she worked as a pediatrician at Robins AFB (Warner Robins), Georgia. She earned her medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in Pennsylvania. She completed her allergy / immunology fellowship at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB (San Antonio), Texas and her pediatrics residency at Travis AFB (San Francisco Bay Area), California.

Melinda Rathkopf, MD, FAAAAI, FAAAAI, FAAP, works at the Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Center of Alaska and is board certified in allergy / immunology and pediatrics. She has been practicing in Anchorage since July 2006. Dr. Rathkopf has published numerous articles in peer-reviewed medical journals, and is a nationally recognized speaker. She is current President of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Alaska Chapter. Dr. Rathkopf earned her medical degree at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia, before joining the military. She spent nine years in the United States Air Force, completing her pediatric residency training at Keesler AFB (Biloxi) in Mississippi and her allergy / immunology fellowship at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB (San Antonio), Texas.

Jack Sedwick, MD, FACS, founded Alyeska Center for facial plastic surgery and ENT (ear nose and throat) in Anchorage in 2006, and he serves as Chief of Surgery at Providence Alaska Medical Center. Dr. Sedwick specializes in both cosmetic and reconstructive facial plastic surgery and otolaryngology (ENT). Prior to returning home to Alaska, Dr. Sedwick served as the Chief of Division of Facial Plastic Surgery at the University of Florida. A talented surgeon and clinician, he remains active in research and has several published articles to his credit. He earned his medical degree from the University of Utah School of Medicine in 1997. He completed his residency in otolaryngology head and neck surgery at the University of Florida in 2002, followed by his fellowship in facial plastic surgery at the University of Miami. Married and the father of three sons, Dr. Sedwick enjoys time with family and friends, and taking advantage of the recreation Alaska has to offer.

George Tsao-Wu, MD, has been a Pediatrician at the Alaska Native Medical Center since 2009. Previously, he served four years with OMF International as a medical advisor and

director for the Global Education and Development Agency in Hanoi, Vietnam. From 1996 to 2004, he was in private practice as at the Alaska Center for Pediatrics and during that time he served two years as Pediatric Department Chair at Alaska Regional Hospital. Dr. Tsao-Wu earned his medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in Pennsylvania. He completed his internship and residency in pediatrics at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center/Children's Hospital in Denver, Colorado. He is a member of the Christian Medical and Dental Association and former Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Rosalyn "Roz" Singleton, MD, MPH, has been a Pediatrician at the Alaska Native Medical Center since 1988. She is also Immunization Program Director for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and a guest researcher with the Arctic Investigations Program - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Prior to practicing in Alaska, Dr. Singleton worked as a pediatrician on a Navajo Reservation in the mid-1980s. Her pediatric expertise includes asthma and haemophilus, pneumococcal, respiratory syncytial virus and respiratory tract infections. Dr. Singleton earned her medical degree and completed her pediatrics training through Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois. She earned a master of public health (MPH) degree from Loma Linda University.

Thad Woodard, MD, FAAP, is a General Pediatrician who has practiced in Anchorage for 30 years. He has extensive experience in managing eczema and common allergic disorders in children and adolescents; and his medical interests include asthma and its origins, immunology and patient education. Dr. Woodard arrived in Alaska in 1978 on an assignment with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) after completing his medical training at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine. He has served on the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Alaska Chapter's Board of Directors and is a past president. He is past medical director of the American Lung Association's Asthma Champ Camp for children with asthma and has been active in supporting the Alaska Asthma Coalition. Since 1998, he has hosted a weekly medical radio program — "Line One: Your Health Connection" — on National Public Radio's Anchorage affiliate, KSKA.