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PRESENTING FACULTY



Andrew G. Ayars, MD, is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the University of Washington Medical Center. He earned his medical degree from St. Louis University School of Medicine, Missouri, and performed his internship and residency at the University of Colorado - Denver and Health Sciences Center (Medicine). He completed an Allergy / Infectious Disease fellowship at the University of Washington School of Medicine. Dr. Ayars is board-certified in allergy / immunology and internal medicine. His research interests include drug allergy and vocal cord dysfunction.



Gina Brown, MD, FAAD, is a board-certified Dermatologist and Pediatrician at the Alaska Center for Dermatology. She has specialized training in the diagnosis and management of pediatric skin conditions. Her medical interests include birthmarks (hemangiomas, port wine stains, congenital nevi), genetic skin disorders, atopic dermatitis, pediatric dermatologic surgery, and providing care to underserved populations in the United States and abroad. Dr. Brown earned her medical degree from Ohio State University College of Medicine. She completed residencies in Pediatrics and Dermatology at the University of Colorado, followed by a fellowship in Pediatric Dermatology at Oregon Health & Science University. She spent time in Guatemala, Tanzania, Lesotho, and Botswana during her medical training. Outside of work, Dr. Brown enjoys spending time with her husband and two daughters, yoga, hiking, biking, and snowboarding.



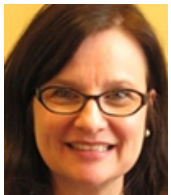
Jeffrey G. Demain, MD, FAAAAI, FAAAAI, FAAP, is the Director and Founder of the Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Center of Alaska. Board certified in allergy/immunology and pediatrics, he is a Clinical Professor at the University of Washington School of Medicine and is an Affiliate Professor for the WWAMI School of Medical Education at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. A nationally recognized speaker, he is very active in the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology, serving on the Board of Directors. He also serves on the Clinical Sciences Work Group and Practice & Policy Committee. Dr. Demain has numerous peer-reviewed publications and has authored three textbook chapters. Dr. Demain earned his bachelor of science degree at the University of Oklahoma, and his medical degree from Texas Technical University. Following medical school, he 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, Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.



Mary Beth Fasano, MD, MSPH, is a Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine – Immunology and of Pediatrics at the University of Iowa (UI) Carver College of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine and at the UI Stead Family Children's Hospital. She earned her medical degree from Texas Technical University School of Medicine and her master's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina School of Public Health. She completed her Pediatric residency and an Allergy / Immunology fellowship at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. She also completed a fellowship in Infectious Disease Research at Wake Forest University Medical Center. She is board-certified in allergy/immunology and pediatrics.



U.S. Air Force Major Michelle Floyd, MD, is Chief of Allergy and Immunology at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) Hospital. JBER is adjacent to Anchorage, Alaska. She is also the Allergy Consultant for the Pacific region of the U.S. Air Force. Prior to her move to Alaska, Dr. Floyd was a pediatrician practicing within the San Antonio Military Health System (including Army and Air Force medical facilities at Lackland Air Force Base and Fort Sam Houston), where she specialized in the treatment of allergies and the immune system. Dr. Floyd earned her medical degree from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. She completed her Pediatric residency and Allergy/Immunology fellowship at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas.



Linda Gilbert, RN, has been the Charge Nurse at the Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Center of Alaska for the past 16 years. Originally hailing from Bad Herfeld, Germany, Ms. Gilbert began her nursing education at Boise State University, Idaho, where she studied to become a licensed practical nurse (LPN). She graduated as a registered nurse (RN) from the University of Alaska Anchorage, where she was recognized as Outstanding Nursing Student by her classmates. Her hobbies include traveling the world and she has visited Israel, Chile, Turkey and Argentina to name a few. She has four children and five grandchildren. She resides in Eagle River with her husband Michael and their beloved golden retrievers Jack and Luke.



Richard Lockey, MD, MS, FACP, FAAAAI, is a Distinguished University Health Professor, Professor of Medicine, Pediatrics and Public Health; Joy McCann Culverhouse Chair of Allergy/Immunology (A/I) and Director, Division of A/I, Department of Internal Medicine (IM), at the University of South Florida College of Medicine in Tampa, Florida. An Air Force veteran, Dr. Lockey also serves fellow veterans at the James A. Haley Veterans Administration Hospital in Tampa. Dr. Lockey was a board member and past president of the World Allergy Organization (WAO) and a past president of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI). Board-certified in internal medicine and allergy/immunology, Dr. Lockey earned his medical degree and completed his internship at Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He completed his residency in Allergy/Immunology and Internal Medicine, and an Allergy/Immunology fellowship at the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor.



Tokunbo Matthews, MD, is the Director of Pulmonary Services at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Hospital near Anchorage, Alaska. He is also a member of the Alaska Hospitalist Group, providing care at area hospitals and specializing in pulmonary diseases, internal medicine and critical care. He earned his medical degree at the Uniformed University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland.

He completed his Internal Medicine residency at Wright-Patterson Medical Center on Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. He completed his fellowship in Pulmonary/Critical Care medicine at the San Antonio Military Medical Center in Texas. Dr. Matthews is bilingual, speaking English and Spanish.



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



Laura M. Moore, MD, FAAAAI, FAAAAI, FAAAAI, FAAAAI, FAAAAI, is a board-certified allergist / immunologist and pediatrician and a Partner at the Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Center (AAIC) of Alaska. She earned her medical degree at Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska. She completed her internship and pediatric residency at Keesler Air Force Base (Biloxi), Mississippi. After serving four years as a pediatrician in Illinois, Dr. Moore pursued an Allergy / Immunology fellowship at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. She has practiced as an allergist in Montana and Alaska while on active duty in the U.S. Air Force and as a civilian since her honorable separation from the military. Dr. Moore joined AAIC in 2015.



Karin A. Pacheco, MD, MSPH, FAAAAI, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Environmental and Occupational Health Services at National Jewish Health; and an Assistant Professor of Preventive Medicine and Allergy/Immunology at University of Colorado, Denver (UoCD) School of Medicine. Board-certified in internal medicine, pediatrics and preventive medicine, she earned her medical degree from New York University School of Medicine. Dr. Pacheco completed her Internal Medicine internship and residency at University of Colorado in Denver; and her Occupational Medicine residency and an Allergy / Immunology fellowship at the National Jewish Health and UoCD School of Medicine.



Jay Patel, MD, is pursuing an Allergy / Immunology fellowship through the Allergy and Immunology Fellowship Program at the University of Washington School of Medicine. As a first-year fellow, Dr. Patel serves as a clinical provider working as a member of the Immunology Clinic Team at Seattle Children's Hospital.



David Peden, MD, MS, FAAAAI, is a Professor of Pediatrics and Director of the Center for Environmental Medicine, Asthma and Lung Biology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Board-certified in pediatrics, allergy and immunology, and clinical laboratory immunology, Dr. Peden is an internationally recognized authority on the effects of environmental pollutants on allergy, asthma and human health. He is also President of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI) Board of Directors. Dr. Peden earned his medical degree from West Virginia University, and completed his Pediatrics internship at West Virginia University Medical Center. He completed his Asthma/Immunology fellowship at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, Maryland.



Aleksandra Petrovic, MD, joined the Immunology and Transplant Division at Seattle Children's Hospital and Seattle Cancer Care Alliance in 2016. Prior to her move to Seattle, Dr. Petrovic was the blood and marrow transplant (BMT) attending physician at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida, for 13 years, during which time she established a non-malignant transplant program. Board-certified in pediatrics and pediatric hematology-oncology, Dr. Petrovic completed a bachelor's degree at the University of Oregon and earned her medical degree from the Oregon Health and Science University in Portland. She performed her pediatrics residency at New York Presbyterian Hospital /Weill Cornell Medical Center, and her fellowship in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.



Andrew R. Pulliam, MD, FACS, is an ear, nose and throat (ENT) / Otolaryngologist in private practice at Facial Plastics and ENT Associates in Palmer, Alaska. He is affiliated with Mat-Su Regional Medical Center in Palmer, and Alaska Regional Hospital and Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage. Board-certified in otolaryngology, Dr. Pulliam earned his medical degree from Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He completed his Otolaryngology residency and internship at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland. He also completed a fellowship in Facial Plastic and Reconstruction Surgery.



Melinda Rathkopf, MD, FAAAAI, FAAAAI, FAAP, is a Partner at the Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Center of Alaska and is board-certified in pediatrics and allergy / immunology. She has been practicing in Anchorage, Wasilla and Valdez since July 2006. She previously served nine years as an U.S. Air Force physician. Dr. Rathkopf is the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Allergy, Asthma and Anaphylaxis Champion for the state of Alaska and serves as the WWAMI Pediatric Clerkship Director. She is a past president of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Alaska Chapter; and a past president of the Alaska State Medical Association. Dr. Rathkopf earned her medical degree at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia. She entered the U.S. Air Force, completing her pediatric residency training at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. She completed her Allergy/Immunology fellowship at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas.



Christine M. Seroogy, MD, FAAAAI, FAAP, is an Associate Professor at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. Her current position involves translational research in the area of cellular immunology and patient care in pediatric allergy, immunology and rheumatology. She has been a consultant for the Wisconsin Newborn Screening SCID program since 2008. Dr. Seroogy earned her medical degree from the University of Minnesota Medical School in Minneapolis. She completed her internship in Pediatrics from the University of California – San Diego and her Pediatric residency from Harvard University Children’s Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Seroogy completed her Allergy/Immunology fellowship at the University of California – San Francisco, and a postdoctoral fellowship at Stanford University in California. She is board-certified in allergy / immunology and pediatrics.



James Tracy, DO, FAAAAI, FAAP, is a managing partner for Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Associates, PC in Omaha, Nebraska. He is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Creighton University School of Medicine, Division of Allergy and Immunology. He currently serves on the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) Pulmonary-Allergy Advisory Committee. He is a frequent speaker as well as author of numerous scientific publications, with topics including anaphylaxis, insect allergy and chronic infections / primary immunodeficiencies. A graduate of the University of Maryland, he earned his medical degree from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. Postdoctoral efforts include a pediatric residency at David Grant U.S. Air Force (USAF) Medical Center, Travis AFB (near Fairfield), California, and an immunology fellowship at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center at Lackland AFB (San Antonio), Texas. He is married to his wife of 39 years Susan, has three grown sons and is a grandfather.



Benjamin Westley, MD, FAAP, FACP, is an internist in private practice in Anchorage. He is board-certified in internal medicine, pediatrics and adult infectious diseases. His interests include adult and pediatric human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and tuberculosis (TB), pediatric osteomyelitis, and anti-viral therapy for Hepatitis B and C. Dr. Westley earned his medical degree from the University of Washington in 2005. He completed a combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics residency at the University of California - San Diego. He completed his fellowship in Infectious Disease at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. During training, he worked as a pediatric HIV clinical mentor in South Africa, as a HIV researcher and UNICEF consultant in Cambodia, and as a medical volunteer in East Timor. Dr. Westley can be found with his wife Kalyan and daughters Jasmine and Jessica, fishing and sailing in Prince William Sound, telemark skiing, and traveling to Southeast Asia to visit extended family in Cambodia.

ADDITIONAL MODERATORS



April Arseneau, MD, FAAAAI, is an Allergist and Founder of the Valley Allergy & Asthma Clinic, LLC, in Palmer, Alaska. She is also affiliated with Mat-Su Regional Medical Center in Palmer. Prior to founding the clinic in October 2014, Dr. Arseneau was Chief of Allergy at the Medical Center on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and an allergy consultant to the Pacific Air Force. She is board-certified in allergy/immunology and internal medicine. A native of Chugiak, Alaska, Dr.

Arseneau earned her bachelor of science degree from the University of Washington - Seattle. She earned her medical degree from Albany Medical College, New York, and completed her Internal Medicine residency at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (AFB) Medical Center in Ohio. Dr. Arseneau pursued her Allergy/Immunology fellowship at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas. Before honorably separating from the U.S. Air Force in September 2014, she reached the rank of major.



Jodyne Butto, MD, is a pediatrician and a Clinical Professor at the University of Washington School of Medicine (UOW-SOM), Adjunct Associate Professor in the University of Alaska WWAMI Biomedical Program, and co-coordinator of the Alaska WWAMI site for Pediatrics. From 2010-2012, she was Pediatric Department chair in the Children's Hospital at Providence. Dr. Butto is active in the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and is an AAP Alaska Chapter past president and co-coordinator of the Alaska Chapter PROS (Pediatric Research in the Office Setting). She was secretary-treasurer of the Alaska State Medical Association, has been an Alaska Metabolic Screening Advisory Committee member, Anchorage School District mentor, and Asthma Camp medical director. Her research includes febrile infants, the Life Around Newborn Discharge (LAND) Study and the Safety Check. Dr. Butto earned her medical degree from UOW-SOM, and pursued her Pediatric residency and was chief resident at Loma Linda University Medical Center and Children's Hospital in California.



Kristina James, MD, FAAAAI, FAAAAI, is a board-certified allergist / immunologist at Peninsula Allergy & Asthma, and is associated with Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna, Alaska. She earned her medical degree from the Sanford School of Medicine, University of South Dakota. She completed an internal medicine residency and was Chief Resident of Internal Medicine at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tennessee. She completed her allergy / immunology fellowship at Vanderbilt's Center for Asthma & Environmental Sciences Research in Nashville. She also was awarded a Fulbright graduate fellowship and studied at the University at Bayreuth in Germany. Her primary research interests include the impact of microbiome alterations on asthma development, the relationship between infections and asthma, and asthma prevention strategies. She enjoys exploring the outdoors with her husband and daughter.



Teresa Neeno, MD, FAAAAI, FAAAAI, FAAP, has been a practicing allergist since 1996 and is currently a specialist at the Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Center of Alaska and an Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Washington. She is board-certified in pediatrics and allergy / immunology. She earned her medical degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; completed her Pediatric residency at Keesler Air Force Base Medical Center; and completed her Allergy/Immunology fellowship at the Mayo Clinic. Dr. Neeno is a U.S. Air Force veteran. She has served many years and is a past president of the Allergy and Asthma Foundation of America, Alaska Chapter (AAFA-Alaska) Board of Directors.