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The University of Alabama at Birmingham



Neuroscience Café

Thursday April 15, 2021 6:00 - 7:00 PM CST

"COVID-19 Update: Where Are We with Testing, Treatment,

and Vaccination?"



Jeanne Marrazzo, MD, MPH Professor and Director of Division of Infectious Disease



David Kimberlin, MD Professor and Co-Director Pediatric Infectious Diseases

Dr. Marrazzo is Professor of Medicine and Director of the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She is internationally recognized for her research and education efforts in the field of sexually transmitted infections, especially as they affect women's health. She has recently been one of more visible UAB spokespersons on COVID-19 research, vaccinations, and treatments. She is an active researcher on the human microbiome, specifically as it relates to female reproductive tract infections and hormonal contraception. Her other research interests include prevention of HIV infection using biomedical interventions, including PrEP and microbicides, pathogenesis and management of bacterial vaginosis, and sexually transmitted diseases in HIV-infected persons.

Dr. Marrazzo received her Doctor of Medicine from Thomas Jefferson Univ. in Philadelphia and studied at the Univ. of Washington for her Masters in Public Health in Epidemiology where she was a clinician researcher until she was recruited to UAB in 2018.

Dr. Kimberlin has significant expertise in the study of antiviral treatments for congenital viral infections. An advocate for vaccinations, Kimberlin stresses that vaccines to be safe, effective and life saving for children and adults. He is involved in developing vaccine policy as editor of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Red Book and an AAP liaison to the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Kimberlin provides medical perspective to parents who question the need for vaccinations, along with expertise in disease outbreaks. A few areas of his expertise include vaccination safety and efficacy in children, viral infections, and antiviral treatments in children. Dr. Kimberlin recently joined the group of experts in the World Health Organization to consult on mother to child transmission of SARS-CoV-2. Among many awards, Kimberlin recently was honored by Ronald McDonald House Charities for the treatment, control, and eradication of infectious diseases affecting children.

His medical training started in Texas at Southwestern Medical Center and he ioined Dr. Richard Whitlev at UAB in Infectious Diseases in 1994.

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