

31st Annual Scientific Meeting

April 9, 2010

From Fear to Flu: Novel H1N1

Health Care Workers, and Workplace Risks

Hatch Auditorium - The Mount Sinai Medical Center

9:00 REGISTRATION

9:30 Jacqueline Moline, MD, MSc - Welcome and historical background.
Mt. Sinai School of Medicine

Michael Gochfeld, MD, PhD - Introduction to the meeting
UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

9:45 John Howard, MD, MPH, JD, LLM - Keynote Address: From Fear to Flu:
The NIOSH Perspective.
Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

10:30 David Michaels, PhD, MPH - The new paradigm for workplace
safety as it extends to health care professionals.
Assistant Secretary of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health
Administration.

11:15 Break

11:30 William Borwegen, MPH - Hazards for Health Care Workers.
Director, Occupational Health and Safety, Service Employees International
Union (SEIU)

12:00 Lunch

1:30 Iris Udasin, MD - Health care workers and the coughing patient: the
challenges of protecting workers from unknown airborne infections.
Professor and Director of Employee Health Service,
UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Professor and Director of
Employee Health Services.

2:15 Break

2:30 Afternoon Panel: The Role for Mandatory Vaccination of Health
Care Workers: Lessons from Smallpox and H1N1

Michael Gochfeld - Introduction to the panel

Topics

Risk/benefits of immunization

Individual vs. Societal Rights

Experience with Swine Flu vaccination in 1970s

Experience with Smallpox vaccination in 1990s

Legal and ethical and epidemiologic issues for H1N1 and the next infection

Panelists

Judith Arroyo, RN - Public health nurse from DC 37, Health and Safety
Representative - NYSNA Economic and General Welfare.

Guthrie S. Birkhead MD - Deputy Commissioner for the Office of Public
Health.

Beth Haroules - Senior Staff Attorney, New York Civil Liberties Union.

Jonathan Rosen, MS, CIH - Director, Occupational Safety & Health
Department. NYS Public Employees Federation

4:00 Concluding Remarks

4:15 Wrap Up