Media

Terrorism, War and Biodefense Experts at OHSU
Detailed List, Alphabetically Listed

Ken Bizovi | M.D. |
Asst. Prof. | SM.EMERGENCY MEDICINE
Bizovi is a medical toxicologist and an emergency physician. He teaches Advanced Hazardous Materials Life Support (AHLS).

James Boehnlein | M.D. |
Prof. | SM.PSYCHIATRY
Boehnlein is director of the Medical Student Education for Psychiatry program, associate director for education at the VA for the regional mental illness research center (MIRECC) and assistant dean for curriculum in the OHSU School of Medicine. He has 20 years of experience working both with war combat veterans and civilian survivors of war trauma from many different ethnic groups. NOTE--ON MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS HE IS ONLY AVAILABLE BY PHONE

Laurie Burke | L.C.S.W. |
Med. Social Worker | HC.CARE MANAGEMENT
As a social worker in OHSUs Emergency Department, Burke works with people undergoing enormous stress and anxiety. She can provide wonderful insight into the emotional impacts of trauma and how to cope with them.

John Burnham | Ph.D. |
Dir. | LO.ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY
Burnham specializes in biological and radiisotope environmental exposures, with an extensive background in all elements of environmental health. In addition, Burnham co-chairs OHSUs disaster planning team.

Phil Cohen | Ph.D. |
Prof. | SE.CSE CTR. HUMAN COMPUTER COMMUNICATION
Cohen is studying ways humans can more naturally interact with computers. He and his students recently developed an oversized touch-sensitive map with an accompanying microphone plugged into a computer, for test by the OregonNational Guard. The map can "feel" and "hear" the information being relayed by touch and voice and automatically stores it into the computer.

Mohamud Daya | M.D. |
Assoc. Prof. | SM.EMERGENCY MEDICINE
Daya is an expert in tropical medicine where many diseases that could be used as biological weapons still exist. Daya also teaches chemical and bioterrorism response to emergency medical service personnel in his role as medical director for Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue.

Pamela Edwards | M.D. |
Asst. Prof. | SM.PSYCHIATRY
Edwards travelled to New York City in the days following the terrorist attacks to offer counseling to students at a college blocks from the World Trade Center and rescue workers.

Jerris Hedges | M.D. |
Prof./ Chair. | SM.EMERGENCY MEDICINE
Hedges is internationally recognized for his contributions to the development of emergency medicine. Regionally, he is very active on the patient care committee for Portland Metro Bioterrorism Preparedness Partnership, as well as a co-chairman of OHSUs disaster planning team.

Robert Hendrickson | M.D. |
Asst. Prof. | SM.EMERGENCY MEDICINE
Hendrickson is a medical toxicologist. He also co-directed a panel assembled by the U.S. Army to present guidelines for emergency department preparedness for radiological or chemical weapons, which will be published in the journal Academic Emergency Medicine in June 2003. Currently he is working on OHSUs plan for decontamination and treatment of victims exposed to "dirty bombs" or chemical weapons.

Lawrence Hipshman | M.D., M.P.H. |
Asst. Prof. | SM.PSYCHIATRY
Hipshman is a member of the Oregon Disaster Medical Alert Team (ODMAT) and an expert on mental health needs during a disaster.

B. Zane Horowit | M.D. |
Medical Dir. OPC | SM.EMERGENCY MEDICINE
Horowitz is the Poison Center director and an expert on history of chemical weapons during the past 100 years and the United Nations weapons treaty. He is also an expert on chemical and biological weapons including nerve agents, organophosphates, cyanide, botulism, ricin, BZ (incapacitating agents), T-2 (Tritocereane agents), HF (hydrofluoric acid), mustard agents, phosgene, tear gas, SEB (Staph endotoxins).

Colin Jordan | M.D. |
Chief | SM.INFECTIONIOUS DISEASES
Jordan is chairman of the Division of Infectious Diseases and used to be an epidemic officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Jonathan Jui | M.D. |
Prof. | SM.EMERGENCY MEDICINE
Jui is an emergency and infectious disease physician at OHSU. He is extremely active on a regional level in bioterrorism preparedness. His many public roles include: chairman of the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) field operations group; all committees of the Portland Metro Bioterrorism Preparedness Partnership; med. dir. for Multnomath County Emergency Medical Services; and integral member of the Multnomath County Health Department's Incident Management Team, which will provide public health leadership during a smallpox incident. On a federal level, Jui is the co-leader of the Oregon Disaster Medical Team, which will be deployed to local or national disasters to provide emergency relief medical care.

J. David Kinzie | M.D. |
Prof. | SM.PSYCHIATRY
Kinzie is the director of the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders Clinic at OHSU and former director of the International Psychiatry Program.

Robert McKelvey | M.D. |
Prof. | SM.CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY
McKelvey, head of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at OHSU and at Doernbecher Children's Hospital, has special expertise in the effects of war on children. He blends his experience as a civil affairs officer during the Vietnam War with training in child psychiatry, and is uniquely prepared to aid children and families impacted by war. McKelvey has written two books on the aftermath of war for survivors and those who love them.

Alan Melnick | M.D., M.P.H. |
Asst. Prof./ Dir. Joint | SM.FAMILY MEDICINE
Melnick is the Clackamas Co. Health Dept. Health Officer and a family medicine physician at OHSU. He chairs the Portland Bioterrorism Preparedness Partnership of the regional smallpox vaccination committee. He is also on Portland's MMRS team.

Helen Miller | M.D. |
Adjunct Assoc. Prof. | SM.EMERGENCY MEDICINE
Miller is team leader of the Oregon Disaster Medical Team (ODMAT), which provides relief medical care in the event of local and national disasters, and is an emergency physician at OHSU. OHSU sponsors this team and several of its emergency staff are on the team.

Janko Nikolich-Zugich | M.D., Ph.D. |
Prof. | SM.VACCINE AND GENE THERAPY INSTITUTE
Nikolich-Zugich is a professor of molecular microbiology and immunology in the OHSU School of Medicine; Sr. scientist at the OHSU Vaccine and Gene Therapy Institute and the Oregon National Primate Research Center. He is studying immunity to smallpox and vaccinia in people with weaker immune systems, such as the elderly, those on steroid therapy and those under significant stress.

Nancy Nixon  L.C.S.W.
Med. Social Worker  HC.CARE MANAGEMENT
Nixon spent the first anniversary of Sept. 11 in New York City helping employees of businesses near the World Trade Center cope with this anniversary. She is an expert in Critical Incident Stress Management and is a trainer for the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation. Nixon works with individuals who have been exposed to trauma and with organizations that have had traumatic incidents happen within the work environment.

David Pollack  M.D.
Prof.  HC.PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC
Pollack is a community psychiatrist who holds joint appointments in the Departments of Public Health and Preventive Medicine and Family Medicine.

G. Steve Rebagliati  M.D.
Asst. Prof.  SM.EMERGENCY MEDICINE
Rebagliati served in the Navy for 12 years as a flight surgeon and emergency physician. During that time, he was also an emergency department medical director for a Naval hospital. He worked extensively on disaster planning, including nuclear, chemical, and biological warfare threats.

Ben Richards  A.S.P.
Safety Education Mgr.  LO.ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY
Richards has extensive training and experience in responding to chemical and biological events. In addition, he is trained in the Incident Command System, which is the national standard for disaster response. His primary responsibilities at OHSU include education and operations.

Christopher Richards  M.D.
Asst. Prof./ Chief, Emergency Clinical
Richards is chief of emergency clinical care and assistant professor of emergency medicine. He wrote a paper that was published in the Annals of Emergency Medicine regarding bioterrorism and medical responses. Richards is also on Portland's MMRs team.

Gae Ryan  Pharm.D.
Dir.  HC. INPATIENT PHARMACY
Ryan can discuss vaccines and antibiotics.

Terri Schmidt  M.D.
Prof.  SM.EMERGENCY MEDICINE
Schmidt is an emergency physician at OHSU and medical director for Clackamas County Search and Rescue. She has conducted research into finding lost people and has an extensive background in disaster response.

Martin Schreiber  M.D.
Assoc. Prof.  SM.SURGICAL TRAUMA.CRITICAL CARE
Schreiber spent 15 years in the U.S. Army and was commander of the Combat Trauma Surgical Team, among other leadership positions. Currently he is a trauma surgeon and director of surgical critical care at OHSU.

Mark Slifka  Ph.D.
Asst. Prof.  SM.VACCINE AND GENE THERAPY INSITUTE
Slifka is an asst. prof. of molecular microbiology and immunology in the OHSU School of Medicine; assistant scientist at the OHSU Vaccine and Gene Therapy Institute and the Oregon National Primate Research Center. He is an expert on the level of protection provided by the smallpox vaccine over time. Currently he is studying the effectiveness of smallpox vaccines given close to 60 years ago versus those given within the last year.

Peter Spencer  Ph.D.
Dir.  CR.CROET ADMINISTRATION
Spencer is the director of the Center for Research on Occupational and Environmental Toxicology. He is a toxicologist who specializes in neurotoxicology. Spencer has served on national and state committees addressing health threats from chemical weapons.

Mary Stenzel-Poore  Ph.D.
Asso.Prof.  SM.MOLECULAR MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY
Stenzel-Poore is an associate professor of molecular microbiology and immunology in the OHSU School of Medicine. She is studying immunity to smallpox and vaccinia in people with weaker immune systems, such as the elderly, those on steroid therapy and those under significant stress.

Larry Strausbaugh  M.D.
Epidemiologist  SM/VA.INFECTION DISEASES
Infectious disease epidemiologist for OHSU and VA.

Randy Taplitz  M.D.
Asst. Prof.  SM.INFECTION DISEASES
Taplitz is an infectious disease physician, co-medical director of OHSU Hospital and Doernbecher Children's Hospital's Infection Control Program, and asst. prof. of medicine. Taplitz represents OHSU on the regional smallpox vaccination committee of the Portland Bioterrorism Preparedness Partnership. In addition, she is coordinating the OHSU smallpox immunization plan.

John Townes  M.D.
Asst. Prof.  SM.INFECTION DISEASES
Townes is an infectious disease physician at OHSU and used to work at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Donald Trunkey  M.D.
Prof.  SM.SURGICAL TRAUMA.CRITICAL CARE
Trunkey served in Gulf War and assisted in rescue efforts in Oklahoma City. In addition, he co-wrote a special article in the October '97 Archives of Surgery titled "Terrorism in America," and he gives lectures around the country on this topic.

Tony Uliano, Jr.  MS, CIH, CHMM
Manager  LO.ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY
Expert on chemical agents and personal protective equipment. Combat Vietnam veteran.

Thomas Ward  M.D.
Chief  SM.INFECTION DISEASES
Chief of infectious diseases at the VA and professor of medicine in the OHSU School of Medicine. Ward has 25 years of experience in the field of infectious diseases.