

Sexually Transmitted Diseases Journal Biographies of Editor and Associate Editors

Editor:

Julius Schachter, PhD

Dr Julius Schachter is an Emeritus Professor of Laboratory Medicine at University of California, San Francisco. His current research focuses on the epidemiology and clinical manifestations of chlamydial infections, as well as the evaluation of newly developed diagnostic methods for chlamydial infections. Dr Schachter has published more than 500 articles on his studies of chlamydiae. His former appointments included Director, World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Reference and Research on Chlamydiae from 1978 –2003; and Chair, Sexually Transmitted Diseases Diagnostic Initiative of the UNAIDS Programme from 1997–2001.

Associate Editors:

Sevgi Aral, PhD

Dr. Aral is the Associate Director for Science at CDC. She is responsible for the oversight and direction of all scientific activities including the intramural and extramural research programs and science-program interactions. She currently serves as a clinical professor at the University of Washington School of Medicine. Dr. Aral's work has focused on risk and preventive behaviors, gender differences, societal characteristics that influence STD and HIV rates, contextual issues and effects of distinct types of sexual mixing on STD spread. Her research has been in both domestic and international settings and her writings have included cross-cultural comparative analyses. Dr. Aral received her PhD and MA in social psychology from Emory University and another MA in demography from the University of Pennsylvania. She received her undergraduate degree from Middle East Tech University in Turkey.

Joan M Chow, DrPH, MPH

Dr. Chow received her BA degree from Yale College, and MPH/DrPH degrees from the University of California, Los Angeles. She has been Chief of the Epidemiology Unit, Surveillance and Epidemiology Section in the California Department of Public Health-Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Branch since 1997 and is a Specialist in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences, University of California, San Francisco,

School of Medicine. Her areas of interest have been in evaluation of new chlamydia diagnostic technologies, surveillance for reproductive health complications including pelvic inflammatory disease associated with chlamydia infections in women, chlamydia and gonorrhea prevalence monitoring in family planning populations, development of chlamydia/gonorrhea screening guidelines, and evaluation of quality improvement interventions aimed at increasing chlamydia screening, and other STD quality of care measures. She is also the Chair of the Region IX Infertility Prevention Project Data Committee.

Myron S. Cohen, MD

Dr Cohen is the J. Herbert Bate Distinguished Professor of Medicine, Microbiology and Immunology and Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is Associate Vice Chancellor for Medical Affairs-Global Health. He received his MD degree from Rush Medical College, Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Cohen serves as the Director of the UNC Division of Infectious Disease and the UNC Institute for Global Health and Infectious Disease and as Associate Director of the UNC Center for AIDS Research. He also serves on the Senior Leadership Group of the NIH Center for HIV Vaccine Immunology (CHAVI), serves as part of the leadership group of the NIH HIV Prevention Trials Network (HPTN). Dr. Cohen's research work focuses on the transmission and prevention of transmission of HIV, with emphasis on the role played by STD co-infections. Much of Dr. Cohen's research has been conducted in resource constrained countries, especially in the African country of Malawi and in the People's Republic of China.

H Hunter Handsfield, MD

Dr Handsfield is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Washington in Seattle and is currently a Senior Research Leader at the Battelle Centers for Public Health Evaluation and Research in Seattle. He has directed the Public Health – Seattle & King County STD Control Program for 25 years. During his career, he has studied many STDs: initial studies establishing the etiologic role of *C. trachomatis* in nongonococcal urethritis, selective screening as the standard approach to chlamydia prevention in women, established the central role of CMV in sexual transmission in heterosexual men and women, documented frequent *T. pallidum* CNS invasion in early syphilis, including increased risk in HIV infected persons, expedited partner therapy and work on prevention strategies for neonatal herpes (CDC).

Jeanne Marrazzo, MD, MPH, FACP, FIDSA

Dr. Marrazzo is an Associate Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington. She is the Medical Director of the Seattle STD/HIV Prevention and Training Center, and president of the American STD Association. She serves on several national committees related to control of infectious diseases, particularly in the area of women's health, and is the Protocol Co-Chair of the VOICE Study, a large study implemented by the Microbicides Trial Network that is evaluating HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis administered vaginally and orally to women at high risk for HIV infection in sub-Saharan Africa. Major areas of research interest include molecular epidemiology, pathogenesis, and management of bacterial vaginosis, diagnosis and screening of chlamydial infection and epidemiology and management of cervicitis. She is also the Principal Investigator on several web-based educational projects on STD management and an interactive site on viral hepatitis.

Dr. Marrazzo obtained her undergraduate degree from Harvard and Radcliffe College and medical degree from Jefferson Medical College. She has a MPH in epidemiology from the University of Washington.

Cornelis Rietmeijer, MD, PhD

Dr. Kees Rietmeijer is a professor at the Colorado School of public health and has worked in STI care and prevention since 1982. He was the director of the STD Control Program at the Denver Public Health Department until 2009 and continues as the Medical Director of the clinical branch of the Denver STD/HIV Prevention Training Center. He serves on the boards of the American STD Association and the International Society of STD Research. His research has focused on behavioral interventions for STD/HIV prevention, STD clinical operations, and the Internet as a venue for STD risk taking and prevention. He is the founding editor of STD Prevention Online.