



Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition

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Bernadette Albanese, MD, MPH received her medical degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University. She completed her pediatric residency at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and a pediatric infectious disease fellowship at Brown University. Dr. Albanese then served as the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Division Director and hospital-based pediatric infectious disease specialist, providing inpatient and outpatient consultation and training for pediatric residents in Baltimore. In 1997, she transitioned from patient care into public health at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, working on invasive pneumococcal disease surveillance and a public education campaign aimed at promoting appropriate antibiotic use.

Dr. Albanese completed her Master in Public Health at Johns Hopkins then served as a Medical Epidemiologist with the New Mexico Department of Health. While in New Mexico, Dr. Albanese worked in infectious disease epidemiology, managed surveillance activities and outbreak investigations, provided oversight of epidemiologic investigations, improved quality of surveillance, and implemented health education campaigns. She was instrumental in building the New Mexico Emerging Infections Program (NMEIP), which is a national population-based surveillance and public health research network funded by the CDC. She served as Principal Investigator of the NMEIP Active Bacterial Core Surveillance and Co-Principal Investigator for NMEIP's Influenza surveillance program, and guided efforts in laboratory and hospital-based surveillance.

After relocating to Colorado, Dr. Albanese served as the Medical Director of El Paso County Public Health and Director of the Disease Prevention and Control Division, where she administered programs in communicable disease, epidemiology, vital records, and environmental health. She guided Public Health's efforts in conducting a Community Health Assessment and facilitating work on a Community Health Improvement Plan. At Boulder County Public Health, Dr. Albanese was the Medical Officer and Director of Health Services and oversaw communicable diseases, emergency preparedness, immunization and other clinical nursing programs.

Currently, Dr. Albanese is a Medical Epidemiologist at Tri-County Health Department in Denver. She remains active in communicable disease prevention and control, but also is involved in population health epidemiology, immunization policy, marijuana surveillance, community health assessment, and health promotion. She has a faculty appointment in the Department of Epidemiology at the Colorado School of Public Health and helps teach classes in outbreak investigation and foodborne disease epidemiology.



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