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Kevin Kavanagh retired from medical practice over eight years ago from long-standing arthritis which was treated with multiple operations and the placement of Bone Morphogenic Protein in his neck. He is founder and Board Chairman of Health Watch USAsm, a non-profit patient advocacy and healthcare policy research organization. Health Watch USAsm is a member of the National Quality Forum and has been designated as a “Community Leader” for Value-Driven Healthcare by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He has published over 20 peer reviewed manuscripts on healthcare policy and/or research integrity problems, many of which deal with deficiencies in reporting systems and in controlling hospital acquired

infections and drug resistant organisms. In addition, he has published letters in peer reviewed journals including the Journal of the American Medical Association and New England of Medicine. Dr. Kavanagh is also a frequent contributor to the Lexington Herald Leader on Healthcare Issues and over the last nine years a recurrent guest on the Jack Pattie Radio Show on health policy issues.

Dr. Kavanagh has been an Associate Editor for the Journal of Patient Safety since July 2014 and is a member of the Editorial Board of Infection Control Today. He has served on the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services’ Hospital Harm/Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program Technical Expert Panel (TEP) from 2014 to 2020; the AHRQ Standing Working Group for Quality Indicators for 2016 to 2017; the AHRQ Health Care Effectiveness and Outcomes Research (HEOR) Study Section, and he has also serves on the National Quality Forum’s Consensus Standards Approval Committee (CSAC) (May 9, 2018-Sep. 30, 2018, Jan. 1, 2019 to Dec. 31, 2020).



Matthias Maiwald is a Senior Consultant and the Head of Service, Microbiology, at KK Women's and Children's Hospital and an Adjunct Associate Professor at the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, National University of Singapore, and at Duke-National University of Singapore Graduate Medical School. He previously worked at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, subsequently at Stanford University, USA, and then at Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia. He holds a German board certification in medical microbiology, a Fellowship of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia, and is a Diplomate of the American Board of

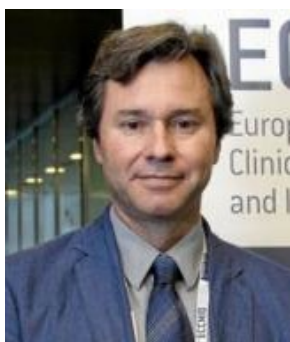
Medical Microbiology. He has three main areas of interest, microbiological aspects relevant to women’s and children’s health, molecular detection and characterization of fastidious and emerging pathogens, and infection control with an emphasis on hand hygiene and skin antisepsis. He has a publication record of more than 130 articles, including journal articles and medical textbooks chapters.

Christina M.J.E. Vandenbroucke-Grauls was born on 22 February 1952, Leuven, Belgium. She



graduated as Medical Doctor (Magna cum Laude), Catholic [University of Leuven](#) in June 1977. After initial training in internal medicine and a research stay at the Center for Blood Research in Boston, Mass, USA, she trained as a Medical Microbiologist at Utrecht, The Netherlands and was [registered](#) in 1984. At present (since 1995) she is Professor of Medical Microbiology and Head of the Department of Medical Microbiology and Infection Control, VU University medical centre (VUmc), Utrecht, The Netherlands. For five years, she combined this with being also the head of the similar department at the Academic Medical Centre of the University of Amsterdam. During her [career](#) she focussed on the epidemiology of healthcare-associated infections and their control, and on the molecular mechanisms and epidemiology of antimicrobial resistant bacteria. Because of her expertise in these fields, she was appointed in several Committees and Boards. She was member of the Dutch Working Party on Infection Prevention (Ministry of Health) from 1988 to 2003, from 1992 to 2003 as Chairman. She was member of granting committees of the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (ZonMw), the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO), chairman of the Advisory Commission for the “Centrum Infectieziekten Bestrijding” of the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Disease. Besides her more clinical expertise, she is also involved in research on the molecular pathogenesis of mycobacterial infections. This led, amongst others, in 2002-2003, to a stay as visiting scientist, at the MRC Immunochemistry Unit, Department of Biochemistry, Oxford University, Oxford.

She was the promotor of 36 PhD students, (co-)acquired 23 grants, organised >40 courses, workshops, and symposia, gave >140 lectures on invitation (several international plenaries). She reviewed for National Funding Agencies (Belgium, France, Ireland, Switzerland, Denmark, Qatar) and within the EU FP6 and FP7 programme. She is co-author of 320 publications and 25 chapters in books and had approximately 25 national general media interviews (mainly television).



Jesús Rodríguez-Baño is Professor of Medicine at the [University of Seville](#) and Head of the Infectious Diseases division at Hospital Universitario Virgen Macarena in Seville, Spain. He is also Scientific Chair of the Spanish Network for Research in Infectious Diseases (REIPI), which is funded by Instituto de Salud Carlos III, and President-Elect of the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID).

Jesús is a medical doctor and specialist in internal medicine, who gained his PhD in medicine in 1997 and expert degree in epidemiology and clinical research in 2000. He has since been a faculty member of the Infectious Diseases Division of Hospital Universitario Virgen Macarena. His main research interests are multidrug resistance in bacteria – its molecular basis, clinical implications, therapy and control – and bacteraemia, and healthcare-related infections.

Jesús is Associate-Editor of *Clinical Microbiology and Infection* and has been a member of the Program Committees for the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (ICAAC), ASM (American Society for Microbiology) Microbe and the European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ECCMID). He is also a member of the Scientific Advisory Board for the Joint Programming Initiative on Antimicrobial Resistance (JPIAMR) of the European Union.



Dr. Elaine Bernard served as Executive Director of the Labor and Worklife Program from 1989-2017. She has a BA from the [University of Alberta](#), a MA from the University of British Columbia and a Ph.D. from Simon Fraser University. Bernard has conducted courses on a wide variety of topics for unions, community groups, universities and government departments. Her current research and teaching interests are in the areas of international comparative labor movements and the role of unions in promoting civil society, democracy and economic growth.

Some of her more recent talks and publications include: “The Changing Workplace and Building A Union’s Organizational Capacity,” “Organizing in a Cold Climate,” “How to Get Momentum to Change the Structure,” “Why Unions Matter,” “Labor Rights as Human Rights,” “Why [Health Care](#) Should Not Be a Business,” “Social Unionism: Labor as a Political Force,” “Public Sector Workers and the Creation of Public Value,” and “The Way to the Future: Setting a Social Agenda for Labor.”



Jodi Sugerman-Brozan is MassCOSH’s Executive Director. She brings more than 25 years of experience working for environmental and social justice in Boston. As Executive Director of MassCOSH, she oversees all aspects of their work to ensure that all workers can go to work, earn a fair wage, be treated with respect and dignity and go home to their families alive and well. She has led MassCOSH’s work to develop strategies to address the high rates of addiction and overdose for workers in Massachusetts, including coordination of their peer training pilot project this spring. Before joining MassCOSH in

April 2017, she was the Executive Director of Bikes Not Bombs which uses the bicycle as a vehicle for social change for five years, and before that played various roles at Alternatives for Community & Environment, an environmental justice organization located in Roxbury, Massachusetts for 15 years. Leadership development and community and youth organizing have been central to her work for decades.

