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Anne Schuchat is the director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Schuchat has spent more than 18 years at CDC and has made significant contributions to prevent infectious diseases in children through her work in informing vaccine and prevention policy, developing guidelines and disease monitoring systems, conducting pre- and post-licensure vaccine evaluations, and collaborating with international, national, and state partners to accelerate the availability of vaccines. Internationally, she has worked in West Africa on meningitis and pneumonia vaccine studies, in South Africa on surveillance and prevention projects, and in China on SARS emergency response and epidemiologic studies. Dr. Schuchat graduated with highest honors from Swarthmore College and with honors from Dartmouth Medical School. She completed residency training in internal medicine at New York University's Manhattan VA Hospital. She has co-authored more than 150 scientific articles and has received numerous awards for her work including the Public Health Service's Meritorious Service Medal, Physician Research Officer of the Year, and the American Public Health Association's Maternal Child Health Section's Young Investigator Award. She assumed leadership of the CDC's National Immunization Program in December 2005 and led the transition process toward establishment of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases.