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PRESENTING FACULTY



April Arseneau, MD, FAAAAI, is an Allergist and Founder of the Valley Allergy & Asthma Clinic, LLC, in Palmer, Alaska, and is affiliated with Mat-Su Regional Medical Center. Prior to founding the clinic in 2014, Dr. Arseneau was chief of allergy at the Medical Center on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and an allergy consultant to the U.S. Pacific Air Force. She is board-certified in allergy / immunology and internal medicine. A native of Chugiak, Alaska, Dr. Arseneau earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Washington – Seattle, and her medical degree from Albany Medical College, New York. She completed an internal medicine residency at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Medical Center in Ohio, and an allergy/immunology fellowship at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas. Before honorably separating from the U.S. Air Force in 2014, she reached the rank of major.



Mark Corbett, MD, FAAAAI, FAAAAI, is President of the American College of Allergy, Asthma, & Immunology (ACAAI) and serves on the college's Board of Regents. He is also an allergist at Family Allergy & Asthma in Louisville, Kentucky, and has practiced in the Kentucky and Tennessee areas for the past 30 years. Dr. Corbett has been active nationally in the continuing education of allergy/immunology specialists. He served on the American Board of Allergy and Immunology (ABAI) Board of Directors and was the first private practitioner to serve as ABAI chair in 2010. He served on the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) and Continuing Certification committees. Closer to home, he served as president of the Kentucky Allergy Society and Greater Louisville Allergy Society. Dr. Corbett earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering and math from Vanderbilt University in Nashville. He earned his medical degree from the University of Louisville (UOL). He completed his pediatrics residency at the University of Alabama – Birmingham, followed by an allergy/immunology fellowship at the UOL School of Medicine. Dr. Corbett and his wife have three children.



Coleman Cutchins, PharmD, BCPS, is a Clinical Pharmacist with the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (ADHSS), working in the Anchorage-based ADHSS Office of Substance Misuse and Addiction Prevention. He earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree and is a board-certified pharmacotherapy specialist (BCPS). Pharmacotherapy is the treatment of disease with drugs. His experience includes population health, academia, inpatient acute care, infectious disease/antimicrobial stewardship, clinical ambulatory care, substance abuse, chronic disease management, healthcare utilization and healthcare quality. Dr. Cutchins had only been working for the state for about two months when the pandemic hit. Due to his background, Dr. Cutchins joined the state's public health leadership team on COVID-19. In this role, he

developed many projects and programs offering clinical guidance, patient triage, traveler protection, outbreak response, and healthcare policy. He remains the Alaska SARS CoV-2 therapeutics and testing lead and serves on national work groups. In his free time, he enjoys life in Alaska with his wife Della and two children.



Jeffrey G. Demain, MD, FAAAAI, FAAAAI, FAAP, began his medical career as a medic in the U.S. Air Force, then a physician assistant before going to medical school and completing his residency and fellowship. He is a Clinical Professor at the University of Washington School of Medicine and an Affiliate Professor at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. He is board certified in Allergy/Immunology and in Pediatrics. Dr Demain founded the Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Center of Alaska, the Allergy Asthma & Immunology Society of Alaska, and a founding member Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America Alaska Chapter, where he now serves as president. He serves on the Board of Regents of the American College of Allergy Asthma & Immunology (ACAAI) and is an incoming member of the American Board of Allergy Immunology (ABAI). He has served on the AAAAI Board of Directors, served as RSL Governor-Region 6, and served on many committees. He is editor of the AAAAI "Ask the Expert" and remains active in advocacy within both organizations. Committed to education, he served 10 years on the AAAAI Annual Meeting Planning Committee. A nationally recognized speaker, Dr. Demain has over 50 peer-reviewed publications, three textbook chapters and continues to research and publish in both insect allergy and the impacts of climate change on respiratory health. He was honored with the AAAAI-RSL Leadership award in 2020 and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Special Achievement Award in 2021.



Peter Ehrnstrom, MD, FAAD, FASDS, is a Dermatologist and Founder of the Alaska Center for Dermatology in Anchorage. Dr. Ehrnstrom is a board-certified dermatologist and dermatologic surgeon with specialized training in Mohs surgery, a microscopically controlled surgery proven effective for common skin cancers. He has extensive expertise in cutaneous medicine, surgery, oncology, and telemedicine and telehealth program design. After graduating from the University of Michigan, he earned his medical degree from Weill Medical College of Cornell University in New York City. He completed his internship in internal medicine at Pennsylvania State University Health System, and his dermatology residency at Yale University Medical Center in New Haven, Connecticut. Afterward, he joined the U.S. Air Force, and served on active duty at Elmendorf AFB for nearly nine years. In 2003, at the rank of lieutenant colonel, he separated from the military, and founded the center. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology and the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery and a member of the American Society for Mohs Surgery. Dr. Ehrnstrom is also a tenor in the Anchorage Concert Chorus.



Bryan Farthing, DHSc, PA-C, is a certified Physician Assistant at the Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Center of Alaska, where he and fellow PA-C David Kingston oversee the center's biologic program. He graduated from the University of Washington's Alaska MEDEX Physician Assistant Program and is now a program faculty member. Prior to becoming a PA, Mr. Farthing was a respiratory therapist at Providence Medical Center for three years. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a cardiopulmonary technician, taking care of wounded military members overseas as part of a Critical Care Air Transportation team. He is currently an officer in the Alaska Air National Guard. Mr. Farthing completed his master's degree in healthcare administration from

Stony Brook University in 2015. In 2019, he completed his doctorate degree in health science with a focus in global health, specifically looking at disparities in pediatric asthmatics. Mr. Farthing enjoys Alaska's outdoors and spending time with his wife and two sons.



Jon R. Grace, MD, is a Pulmonologist at the Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Center of Alaska. He earned his medical degree from the University of California in San Diego. He completed his internal medicine residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) in Pennsylvania. At UPMC, Dr. Grace grew his interest in critical care and found a love for pulmonary medicine. He pursued a fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at the University of Michigan. He has published several reviews and a book chapter on asthma phenotypes and severe asthma management. Before graduating, he helped form a collaboration with a deep learning engineering group and authored a grant application that was awarded funding by Glaxo Smith Kline to investigate the potential uses for deep learning algorithms on CT scans in patients with severe asthma on biologic medications. Since transitioning to Alaska in 2020, Dr. Grace worked primarily in an intensive care unit capacity. By joining AAIC, he offers the full breadth of pulmonary services to the community.



David Kingston, PA-C, is a certified Physician Assistant who joined the Allergy, Asthma and immunology Center of Alaska in November 2018. He and fellow PA-C Bryan Farthing oversee the center's biologic program. He has been a PA in Anchorage since 2015, when he graduated from the Seattle MEDEX Physician Assistant Program (earning a master's in clinical health) at the University of Washington. Prior to becoming a PA, David worked as a paramedic / firefighter for the fire department in Bellevue, Nebraska. A native of Nebraska, David earned his bachelor's degree in emergency medical technology / technician (EMT) from Creighton University in Omaha. Mr. Kingston's love of the outdoors encouraged a 2015 move to Alaska, where he enjoys hunting, biking and fishing.



Stephen N. Marks, MD, FAAAAI, is a board-certified Allergist / Immunologist specializing in pediatrics at the Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Center of Alaska. He joined the center in September 2019, after serving 27 years as a physician in the U.S. Army. He began his medical career as a general pediatrician at the U.S. Army hospital in Heidelberg, Germany. He has since served in various allergy / immunology positions over nearly two decades. Special interests include pediatric allergies and asthma, chronic cough, difficult to control asthma, food allergy, eosinophilic esophagitis, anaphylaxis, insect sting allergy, urticaria, angioedema and atopic dermatitis. Dr. Marks earned his medical degree from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine in East Lansing. He completed his pediatrics internship and residency at Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) in Honolulu, Hawaii; and completed a fellowship in allergy / immunology from Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. He enjoys singing and playing the guitar in his spare time.



Dr. Bryan Martin, DO, FACAAl, is President-Elect of the World Allergy Organization and an Emeritus Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics at Ohio State University (OSU) in Columbus, where he previously served as associate dean for Graduate Medical Education and was associate medical director of University Hospital. Before becoming associate dean, Dr. Martin founded OSU's Allergy and Immunology program and was director of the OSU Allergy and Immunology Fellowship. Prior to

OSU, Dr. Martin served 29 years in the U.S. Army, where he served in the medical field, primarily in allergy and immunology. His final military years were at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, DC. Dr. Martin is the Chair of the International Collaboration in Asthma, Allergy and Immunology (ICAALL), and a past president of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI). He has authored more than 50 peer-reviewed publications and book chapters, and received numerous awards. Dr. Martin completed his internal medicine residency at William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, Texas. He completed allergy / immunology fellowship at Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center, in Denver, Colorado.



Eric Meier, MD, FAAAAI, FAAAAI, FACP, is board-certified in allergy / immunology and internal medicine, and is a Partner at the Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Center of Alaska. Before joining the center in 2007, he was an active duty officer in the U.S. Air Force (USAF) and spent 10 years as a military physician. His last assignment was as chief of allergy at the 3rd Medical Group, Elmendorf AFB, and as allergy consultant to the Pacific Air Forces. Dr. Meier attended the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. After completing his internal medicine residency at Keesler Air Force Base Medical Center, Biloxi, Mississippi, he was an internist at the USAF Academy for three years. He completed an allergy / immunology fellowship at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, before coming to Alaska in 2005. Dr. Meier is a marathon runner, skier and mountaineer.



Michael Nelson, MD, PhD, is a Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Division of Asthma, Allergy and Clinical Immunology at the University of Virginia (UVA) in Charlottesville. He is also President and CEO of the American Board of Allergy and Immunology (ABAI). Dr. Nelson returned to UVA in 2020 after 25 years of U.S. Army service, followed by a year as the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences chair of the Allergy and Immunology Division at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Washington, DC. He served as director of Army Graduate Medical Education, and chief consultant to the U.S. Army Surgeon General; director of education, training and research at Walter Reed; and vice-chair of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Allergy and Immunology Review Committee. Dr. Nelson graduated from Princeton University on an ROTC scholarship before earning his medical and doctorate degrees from the UVA School of Medicine and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. He completed his internship at UVA and his internal medicine residency at Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Georgia. He completed fellowships in allergy-immunology and in clinical laboratory immunology at Walter Reed. Dr. Nelson has nationally advocated for the allergy/immunology specialty through committee and task force service, most recently the Vision for the Future Commission on Continuing Certification sponsored by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS).



Melinda Rathkopf, MD, FAAAAI, FAAAAI, FAAP, is Director of the Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Center of Alaska and is board-certified in pediatrics and allergy / immunology. She has been practicing in Anchorage and Wasilla since July 2006. She previously served nine years as a U.S. Air Force physician. Dr. Rathkopf is the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Allergy, Asthma and Anaphylaxis Champion for the state of Alaska. She is a past president of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Alaska Chapter, and a past president of the Alaska State Medical Association. She is a clinical professor at the University of Washington and enjoys

working with WWAMI students. Dr. Rathkopf earned her medical degree at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia. In the U.S. Air Force, she completed her pediatric residency training at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi and her allergy / immunology fellowship at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas.



John Routes, MD, FIDSA, FAAAAI, is Professor of Pediatrics (Allergy, Asthma & Immunology) and Microbiology & Immunology; and Chief, Section of Allergy and Clinical Immunology at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Board-certified in allergy and immunology and internal medicine, his current research interests include emerging treatments for granulomatous and lymphocytic interstitial lung disease (GLILD), and new technologies for screening newborns for primary immune deficiency (PID). Dr. Routes earned his medical degree from the Indiana University School of Medicine, in Indianapolis; and completed his internal medicine internship and residency at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City. He completed a fellowship in allergy and clinical immunology, followed by a fellowship in infectious diseases, both at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver.

ADDITIONAL MODERATOR



Jodyne Butto, MD, is a Pediatrician with Anchorage Pediatric Group and a Clinical Professor at the University of Washington (U-WA) School of Medicine, Adjunct Associate Professor in the University of Alaska WWAMI Biomedical Program, and co-coordinator of the Alaska WWAMI site for Pediatrics. Previously, she was pediatric department chair at Providence Children’s Hospital. She is active in the American Academy of Pediatrics and is an AAP Alaska Chapter past president and co-coordinator of the chapter’s Pediatric Research in the Office Setting. She was secretary-treasurer of the Alaska State Medical Association, has been an Alaska Metabolic Screening Advisory Committee member, Anchorage School District mentor, and Asthma Camp medical director. Her research includes febrile infants, the Life Around Newborn Discharge (LAND) Study and the Safety Check. Dr. Butto earned her medical degree from U-WA School of Medicine. She completed her pediatric residency at Loma Linda University Medical Center and Children’s Hospital in California.