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Seven Decades of Firsts with Seven CDC Directors



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Dr. Jeffrey P. Koplan is Vice President for Global Health at Emory University. He established and served as the Director of the Emory Global Health Institute from 2006-2013. A former Director (1998-2002) and 26-year veteran of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Dr. Koplan began his public health career in the early 1970s as a member of the CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service. He has played a key role in a variety of domestic and global public health issues, from infectious diseases such as smallpox, SARS, and HIV/AIDS, environmental issues such as the Bhopal chemical disaster, to the health tolls of tobacco, obesity, and chronic diseases. His work has included extensive international assignments in Bangladesh, India, Trinidad and Tobago, as well as US-China bilateral projects, World Bank missions, and World Health Organization consultations. From 1993 to 1998, he was President of the Prudential Center for Health Care Research. Dr. Koplan is a Master of the American College of Physicians, and a member of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM), where he chaired the Committee for Prevention of Childhood Obesity from 2003-2009. He is a trustee of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Kaiser Permanente - Georgia, The China Medical Board, and former trustee of Yale University. He chairs the Visiting Committee for the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health. He serves on the Independent Monitoring Board for the Eradication of Polio. Dr. Koplan is a co-founder and former President of the International Association of National Public Health Institutes (IANPHI). Dr. Koplan is also the principal investigator of the Child Health and Mortality Prevention Surveillance Network (CHAMPS), a major program of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Dr. Koplan is author of more than 230 scientific papers.



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