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Dr. Lurie is the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) at the US Department of Health & Human Services (HHS). The ASPR serves as the Secretary's principal advisor on matters related to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies. The mission of her office is to lead the nation in preventing, responding to and recovering from the adverse health effects of public health emergencies and disasters. As such, she coordinates interagency activities between HHS, other federal agencies, and state and local officials responsible for emergency preparedness and the protection of the civilian population from acts of bioterrorism and other public health emergencies.

Previously, Dr. Lurie was Senior Natural Scientist and the Paul O'Neill Alcoa Professor of Health Policy at the RAND Corporation where she directed RAND's public health and preparedness work as well as its Center for Population Health and Health Disparities. Prior to that she served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health for HHS; in state government as Medical Advisor to the Commissioner at the Minnesota Department of Health; and in academia as Professor in the University of Minnesota Schools of Medicine and Public Health. Dr. Lurie has a long history in the health services research field, primarily in the areas of access to and quality of care, mental health, prevention, public health infrastructure and preparedness, and health disparities.

Dr. Lurie attended college and medical school at the University of Pennsylvania, and completed her residency and MSPH at UCLA, where she was also a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholar. She served as Senior Editor for *Health Services Research* and as President of the Society of General Internal Medicine, as well as on numerous other national committees. She is the recipient of many awards, and is a member of the Institute of Medicine.

Finally, Dr. Lurie continues to practice clinical medicine in the health care safety net in Washington, DC.