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Dr. Schuchat (pronounced *shook-it*) joined CDC in 1988 as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer. She has made significant contributions to infectious disease prevention through research, surveillance, and policy, developing guidelines and disease monitoring systems, conducting pre- and post-licensure vaccine evaluations, and collaborating with partners to accelerate the availability of vaccines and prevention programs. She worked in West Africa on meningitis and pneumonia vaccine studies, in South Africa on surveillance and prevention projects, in China on SARS emergency response, and as CDC's Chief Health Officer during the H1N1 pandemic response. 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 200 scientific articles and reports, and received numerous awards including the Public Health Service's Meritorious Service Medal for preventing group B streptococcal infections in newborns. Since December 2005, Dr. Schuchat has served as the Director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, which implements the nation's Vaccines for Children Program and houses the CDC's influenza and other respiratory infectious disease programs. From February through May 2009 Schuchat served as the CDC's Interim Deputy Director for science and program and from October 2012-May 2013 she was Acting Director for CDC's Center for Global Health. In 2008, she was elected to the Institute of Medicine. From 2010-12, she served on the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) Board representing technical and health research institutes. Dr. Schuchat is an Assistant Surgeon General within the US Public Health Service.