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Monica Parise, MD, is currently the Chief of the Parasitic Diseases Branch, Division of Parasitic Diseases and Malaria, Center for Global Health. Dr. Parise's priorities are to reduce the global burden of neglected tropical diseases (NTDs); to prevent and control parasitic diseases in the United States, including the neglected parasitic infections (NPIs); and to research better diagnostic and epidemiologic methods to more effectively prevent disease.

Dr. Parise joined CDC in 1993 as a member of the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) in the Malaria Branch. After a two-year EIS rotation she completed a CDC preventive medicine residency at the Puerto Rico Department of Health—before returning to the Malaria Branch as a Medical Officer at CDC headquarters in Atlanta. While in the Malaria Branch, she served as Team Lead of both the Domestic Response Team and the Malaria in Pregnancy Team. Dr. Parise has been Chief of the Parasitic Diseases Branch since 2005.

Dr. Parise received her BSN and MD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and completed a residency in internal medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. She completed a fellowship in infectious disease with the Infectious Disease Training Program at Harvard University, including work with Harvard School of Public Health conducting parasitic disease research in Brazil. Dr. Parise is board certified in infectious disease and internal medicine.