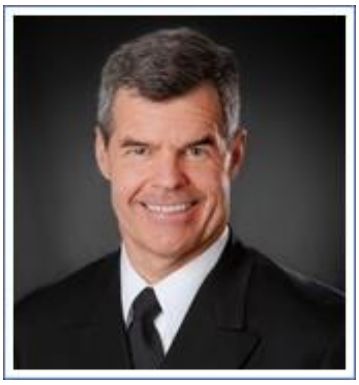
Director's Profile



Stephen C. Redd, MD, RADM
Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response

Background
Rear Admiral Stephen C. Redd is the Director of the Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response (PHPR) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). RADM Redd is responsible for all of CDC's public health preparedness and response activities. PHPR provides strategic direction, support, and coordination for these activities across CDC as well as with local, state, tribal, national, territorial, and international public health partners. PHPR carries out its mission by emphasizing accountability through performance, progress through public health science, and collaboration through partnerships.

Education/Training
RADM Redd received his Baccalaureate Degree in History in 1979 from Princeton University and his Medical Degree with honors in 1983 at the Emory University School of Medicine. He trained in Medicine at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and completed the two year Epidemic Intelligence Service training program at CDC.

Professional History
Prior to joining PHPR, RADM Redd was the Director of CDC's Influenza Coordination Unit. A medical epidemiologist, RADM Redd managed and directed CDC's efforts to prepare and respond to pandemic influenza—a severe influenza pandemic could cause as many as two million deaths in the United States and tens of millions of deaths worldwide.

A career officer, RADM Redd served as an officer in the Junior COSTEP program while in medical school and returned to the PHS following medical training. He has more than 29 years of continuous service as a Commissioned Officer and has undertaken work as diverse as investigating outbreaks of Legionnaires' disease, to devising diagnosis and treatment strategies for malaria in Africa, to leading efforts to eliminate measles from the United States. RADM Redd led CDC's efforts to reduce the burden of asthma in the United States while in CDC's National Center of Environmental Health. When the H1N1 pandemic struck, RADM Redd served as Incident Commander for CDC's 11 month response, a response that involved over 3000 CDC staff and resulted in the vaccination of over 80 million Americans against the H1N1 influenza virus.

RADM Redd is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, a Fellow in the American College of Physicians, and a member of the Commissioned Officer's Association. RADM Redd has authored over 120 scientific publications including original peer reviewed research, textbook chapters, and editorials. His research has spanned the gamut—from evaluating the impact of air pollution regulations on deaths from carbon monoxide poisoning to the clinical diagnosis of malaria and pneumonia.

Awards
RADM Redd has received numerous PHS awards, including the Distinguished Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal and is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society. He has been nominated three times and once won CDC's annual Shepard Award for the outstanding scientific publication at CDC.