

# National Biodefense Science Board (NBSB)

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National Vaccine Advisory Committee Meeting  
Hubert H. Humphrey Building - Room 800

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# National Biodefense Science Board Amended Charter

## Purpose

- To provide expert advice to the Secretary on scientific, technical and other matters of special interest to HHS regarding current and future chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear agents, whether naturally occurring, accidental or deliberate. The Board may also provide advice and guidance to the Secretary on other matters related to public health emergency preparedness and response.

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“individuals who represent the Nation’s preeminent scientific, public health and medical experts as follows-”

- 4 individuals representing pharmaceutical, biotechnology and device industries
- 4 individuals representing academia
- 5 others
  - One a practicing health care professional
  - One from an organization representing health care consumers
- Such Federal officials as the Secretary determines are necessary to support the functions of the Board

*Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (P.L. 109-417)*

# **NBSB Voting Members**

- **Patricia Quinlisk, M.D., M.P.H., NBSB Chair**
- **Ruth L. Berkelman, M.D.**
- **Stephen V. Cantrill, M.D.**
- **Roberta Carlin, M.S., J.D.**
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- **John S. Parker, Major General (Retired), M.D.**
- **Andrew T. Pavia, M.D.**
- **Eric A. Rose, M.D.**
- **Patrick J. Scannon, M.D., Ph.D.**

# **NBSB Working Groups**

- 1. Disaster Medicine**
- 2. Medical Countermeasures Markets & Sustainability**
- 3. Medical Countermeasures Research & Development Processes**
- 4. Pandemic Influenza**
- 5. Personal Preparedness**

**Subcommittee Reporting to the NBSB:  
Disaster Mental Health Subcommittee**

# **NBSB Activities to Date**

- **Made recommendations regarding the charter of the Federal Education and Training Interagency Group—critical to the establishment of the Joint Federal Program for Disaster Medicine and Public Health.**
- **Made recommendations for strengthening the National Disaster Medical System and medical surge capacity; and for improving the Department's response to the mental health impacts of disasters.**
- **Considered issues of individual preparedness including diverse viewpoints on the home stockpiling of antibiotics for use in the event of a anthrax release.**
- **Engaged federal partners and industry stakeholders in discussions of alternate strategies for the sustained development and production of medical countermeasures necessary to mitigate the devastating effects of a potential chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear public health incidents.**

# For more information about the National Biodefense Science Board

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# **H1N1 Countermeasures Strategy and Decision Making Forum**

**hosted by**

**Influenza Working Group of the  
National Biodefense Science Board**

**June 18-19, 2009  
Pooks Hill Marriott Hotel  
Bethesda, MD**