

# Coulee Region Immunization Coalition's Immunization Symposium - Fall 2017

Tuesday Evening—September 26, 2017

4:00 pm—8:20 pm

The Cargill Room at The Waterfront Tavern and Restaurant  
332 Front Street South, La Crosse, WI 54601

Registration on Eventbrite.com opens August 23rd, 2017.

Registration Link: <https://2017cricfallimmunizationsymposium.eventbrite.com>

For additional information, contact:

Bryany Weigel @ 608-785-5854; [bweigel@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:bweigel@lacrossecounty.org)

## Program

4:00—4:45 ***Registration & View Exhibitor Displays***

Hosted Soda and Cash Bar

4:45—5:00 ***Welcome & Introductions***

Salads Served

5:00—6:00 ***Highlighting the need for immunization education early in pregnancy: A Research Project***

Kim Dowat, CNM, PHD  
Gundersen Health System

6:00—6:10 Break/Dinner Served

6:10—7:10 ***Vaccine-Preventable Diseases and the Newborn Infant: The Importance of Maternal Vaccination Both Before and During Pregnancy***

Robert Jacobson, MD  
Medical Director, Employee and Community Health and Southeast  
Minnesota Region Immunization Programs, Mayo Clinic

7:10—7:20 Break/Dessert & Coffee Served

7:20—8:20 ***Cultural Competence in the Amish Community***

Elizabeth Bade, MD  
Medical Director at Scenic Bluffs Community Health Center



A Certificate of Attendance for 3.0 contact hours will be given to each attendee at the conclusion of the conference with the return of their evaluation form.

**Biographies:**

**Dr. Kim Dowat** has worked as a nurse midwife for over 30 years, the last 20 at the Gundersen Clinic in Viroqua. She completed her midwifery training at the University of Minnesota - Minneapolis in 1990. She completed her PHD at UW Milwaukee in 2009, studying characteristics of menopausal symptoms in younger women.

Working in her primary care clinic in Viroqua, she has the opportunity to care for mothers and babies together over decades. It was in this setting that her interest in promoting full immunization for her pediatric population evolved and resulted in the study being presented tonight.

**Dr. Bob Jacobson** is a Professor of Pediatrics and Consultant in Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine at Mayo Clinic as well as its Medical Director for the both the Employee and Community Health and the Southeast Minnesota Region Mayo Clinic Health System Immunization Programs. He is a practicing primary care clinician as well as active in teaching medical students, pediatric residents, and pediatric subspecialty fellows at Mayo Clinic. He is a full Professor of Pediatrics in the College of Medicine at Mayo Clinic. He is a past President of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and has previously chaired that organization's immunization task force. He is a past chair and current member of the board of directors for the Southeast Minnesota Immunization Connection. He has worked at Mayo Clinic in Rochester since 1989 and has served as chair, and before that, vice chair for research, for the Department of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine. In addition to his work in primary care pediatrics, he is a vaccine researcher and has published 237 peer-reviewed publications. Finally, and most importantly, he is the proud father of four, well-vaccinated children.

**Dr. Elizabeth Bade** graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of medicine and public health and finished a residency in Family Medicine in Milwaukee, WI and a fellowship in medical education from UW.

Dr. Bade has more than 10 years of patient care experience, both as a clinician and an associate professor of medicine at UW school of medicine and public health. Prior to working in rural WI at Scenic Bluffs, Dr. Bade was a faculty member at a residency program and had a clinical practice in Milwaukee. Her career has focused on community health and underserved populations, she has published articles on her research in that area in multiple medical journals. She is currently continuing her education in functional medicine – a more systems based and holistic approach to chronic disease.