



Houston Department of  
Health and Human Services

# Speaker Biography



## **Col. Ted Cieslak MD, FAAP, FIDSA**

Chief Consultant to the Army Surgeon General Chief  
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Colonel Ted Cieslak received his B.S. (in Chemistry) and M.D. degrees at Ohio State University before completing a Residency in Pediatrics at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He served as a practicing Pediatrician for five years (at Ft Hood TX and Landstuhl, Germany) before entering a Fellowship in Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. During his fellowship, Dr. Cieslak's research interests involved pathogenesis and typing mechanisms related to coagulase-negative Staphylococci. Following a tour as Pediatric Infectious Disease staff physician at Brooke Army Medical Center (1992-1996), Dr. Cieslak was appointed Chief of Field Operations and then Chief of the Operational Medicine Division at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID) at Ft. Detrick MD (1996-2001). Col. Cieslak left USAMRIID to assume the Chairmanship of the San Antonio Military Pediatric Center (the combined Departments of Brooke Army and Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Centers).

In 2006, Col. Cieslak joined the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta GA, serving as Defense Department Liaison Officer, responsible for fostering collaboration between CDC and the Defense Department. Finally, in 2010, he left CDC to become the Chief of Clinical Services for the U.S. Army's Medical Command, based in San Antonio TX. He remains active in the area of Biowarfare and Bioterrorism defense, and serves as Consultant to the Surgeon General on these matters. He has lectured widely on various aspects of Biodefense and Disaster Response and has worked with the Department of Defense, as well as the intelligence agencies, various State Health Departments, and myriad other organizations on such issues. He serves as the Head of the U.S. Delegation to NATO's Biomedical talks.

Dr Cieslak is Board-Certified in Pediatrics, Infectious Diseases, and Tropical Medicine. He is also a Military Flight Surgeon. He holds a Clinical Associate Professorship at the Uniformed Services University and a Clinical Professorship at the University of Texas Health Science Center. In 2004, he served a tour in Iraq, where he provided medical care to the soldiers of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division. COL Cieslak has published approximately 70 papers and book chapters, principally in the field of Biodefense. His other areas of interest include Travel Medicine, Humanitarian Pediatrics, Animal Bites, and Adoption Medicine.

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