

**Dr. Susa Benseler** is a pediatric rheumatologist at the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. She is a Professor of Pediatrics, a clinical epidemiologist and clinician investigator. She obtained her MD from the University of Freiburg and Berlin and obtained her PhDs in Immunology and Pediatrics from the University of Innsbruck and the University of Freiburg. From there, she went on to become a fellow in pediatric rheumatology at the University of Toronto, where she also obtained a Masters in Epidemiology.

Dr. Benseler is a world-renowned expert on nervous system inflammation. She established the first Childhood CNS Vasculitis and Inflammatory Brain Diseases Clinic and Research Program and built 'Brain-Works', an international Childhood CNS Vasculitis Investigator Network. She is the Chair of the Canadian Pediatric Rheumatology Investigator (CAPRI) Network and the leader of the CARRA auto-inflammatory research working group.

**Professor David Sherry** worked at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania, as the Director of Clinical Rheumatology and Fellowship Program Director, and he is the director of the Amplified Pain Program. Chronic pain in children is his major research focus — an area which he is well recognized worldwide. He has published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles, numerous chapters, produced videos and lectured nationally and internationally to promote the welfare of children with rheumatic illnesses and musculoskeletal pain syndromes.

**Professor Daniel Lovell** is the Joseph E. Levinson Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, and he is Clinical Director of the Division of Rheumatology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. Dr. Lovell's clinical interests include the diagnostic evaluation and ongoing care of children with all pediatric onset rheumatic diseases, while his research interests focus on clinical trials in children with rheumatic diseases. It is not an exaggeration to say that there are very few clinical trials in pediatric rheumatology in which Dr. Lovell was not involved. He has authored more than 130 peer-reviewed publications and numerous meeting abstracts, books and book chapters on these topics. He has had NIH funding for more than 21 continuous years.

**Professor Randy Cron** serves as the Arthritis Foundation Alabama Chapter Endowed Chair and Division Director of Pediatric Rheumatology at UAB. He also developed and serves as the Program Director of the Pediatric Rheumatology Fellowship Program at UAB. Dr. Cron also has a PhD in Immunology from the University of Chicago, and his laboratory's basic research focuses on transcriptional regulation in CD4 T lymphocytes as it relates to both systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) and HIV-1/AIDS. His clinical and translational research interests include childhood arthritis related macrophage activation syndrome (MAS) and temporomandibular joint (TMJ) arthritis.

**Dr. Francesco Zulian** is Associate Professor and Chief of the Pediatric Rheumatology Unit at the University of Padua, Italy.

From 2001-2009, he was Chairman of the Juvenile Scleroderma Working Group of Pediatric Rheumatology European Society, and from 2006-2009 he chaired the Italian Society of Pediatric Rheumatology.

He has been involved, as organizer and chair, in a number of international meetings, including the first and second International Workshops on Juvenile Scleroderma Syndromes where the Classification Criteria for Systemic Sclerosis and Localized Scleroderma in childhood were defined. Prof. Zulian's main research interests are in Scleroderma syndromes, Kawasaki disease, Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA), Joint Hypermobility Syndromes and JIA-related chronic uveitis. He has more than 140 publications in international peer-reviewed journals (h Index 44) and has acted also as editorial reviewer for many of them.

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