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is a physician and epidemiologist known for his work in epidemic response, environmental health, and human performance in extreme environments. Dr. Conway served in various senior level positions with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from 1988 to 2016, and has extensive international experience responding to public health threats and emergencies.

From 2012 through 2015, Dr. Conway served as Senior Advisor to the Chinese Centers for Disease Control and as Public Health Attaché for the U.S. Embassy in Beijing.



From November 2014 through June 2015, he served as Senior Medical Officer and Epidemiologist, United Nations Mission for the Ebola Emergency Response, Monrovia, Liberia.

Nov, 2015 – Oct, 2016, in his last assignment with CDC, he provided technical assistance and advice to ministries of health and CDC-assigned resident advisors for epidemiology programs in Iraq, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Bangladesh, and Liberia.

As Health Services Director for Deschutes County, Oregon, late 2016-2021, he led over 400 public health and behavioral health professionals; advised the populace, state, and local governments during the COVID19 pandemic and episodes of heavy wildfire smoke, providing guidance to elected officials, and the public; and co-developed a regional COVID-19 surveillance program using wastewater sampling. During 2022, he was Deschutes County Health Officer.

He provided technical assistance to US Embassies and the governments of Vietnam and Mongolia (2018), and for Jorlon.org and other NGOs in Mongolia (2022 & 2023). He is a founding board member of COFUSE, which provides housing and services, and an Affiliate Professor, Oregon State University School of Public Health & Human Sciences.

Dr. Conway worked in Alaska and other Arctic locales for many years, and was President of the International Union for Circumpolar Health (1996-2000). His wide-ranging work on public health issues including disease outbreaks, HIV/AIDS, STDs, health, safety, and environment in the fishing, agriculture, aviation, and oil and gas industries; and internationally on many infectious and environmental hazards, includes over 100 scientific articles, monographs, and book chapters and is often cited. He has been a keynote speaker at many national and international conferences.

Dr. Conway holds an M.D. from the University of New Mexico School of Medicine, and a Masters of Public Health from the University of South Carolina. He served 1988-1990 as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer, and collaterally as a Federal Aviation Medical Examiner (AME), 1999-2014. He is board-certified in General Preventive Medicine and Public Health.