

## **Walter A. Orenstein, MD**

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He recently retired from a 26-year career with CDC's immunization program where he led the global effort to eliminate many of the world's most common vaccine-preventable diseases. Dr. Orenstein's work has focused on infectious diseases and immunization. He has received numerous honors and awards, including the Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal and the United States Public Health Service Commendation Medal.

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