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Dr. Nancy Messonnier (CAPT, USPHS) began her public health career as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer in 1995, in the Childhood and Respiratory Diseases Branch of the National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID). Dr. Messonnier served in a variety of roles including as Chief of the Meningitis and Special Pathogens Branch in NCID, and then continued to lead the newly formed Meningitis and Vaccine-preventable Disease Branch when NCIRD was established during 2006. She has served as Interim Director of the Advanced Molecular Detection Implementation team in the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases, following details as Acting Deputy Director of the Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology and Laboratory Services, and Acting Director of the Division of Global Health Protection in the Center for Global Health.

Dr. Messonnier has played critical roles in several successful public health initiatives including the vaccination of millions of people living in the African Meningitis Belt through MenAfriNet, serving on anthrax response teams during the 2001 intentional anthrax release and leading the post-exposure antibiotic and vaccine prophylaxis evaluation and the licensure of its vaccine, overseeing a family of studies exploring resurgence of pertussis, and championing for prevention and control of bacterial meningitis in the U.S. She has written more than 140 articles and chapters and received numerous awards.

Dr. Messonnier received her BA from the University of Pennsylvania and MD from the University of Chicago School of Medicine. She completed internal medicine residency training at the University of Pennsylvania.