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Serious Communicable Diseases Program (SCDP)
Project ECHO Program
Measles: Updates and Challenges
Thursday, April 17, 2025
11 AM – 12 PM (ET)

Facilitator & Didactic Presenter:

- Gavin Harris, MD – Assistant Professor of Medicine and the Serious Communicable Diseases Program (SCDP) Director of Education and Outreach, Emory University School of Medicine, Divisions of Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine & Infectious Diseases

Case Presenter:

- Matt Linam, MD, MS - Associate Professor of Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Emory University School of Medicine; Hospital Epidemiologist for Scottish Rite Hospital, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Public Health Presenter:

- Vanessa Aden, MPH, MPA, CIC – Vaccine-Preventable Disease Epidemiologist, Georgia Department of Public Health, Acute Disease Section

Target Audience:

- Anyone interfacing with patients or responsible for patient/community health, including physicians, nurses, EMTs, paramedics, pharmacists, hospital administrators, public health officials, etc., are welcome to attend.

Session Objectives:

- Obtain an update on the current epidemiologic state of measles
- Utilize a case-based scenario to facilitate discussion of the clinical presentation of a patient with suspect or confirmed measles
- Understand the best evidence-based practices regarding the management of and medical countermeasures for measles

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Time	Topic	Presenter
11:00 -11:05	Welcome, Intros, Polls	Harris



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11:05 -11:10	Situation Report – Overview of Current Disease Outbreaks	Harris
11:10 -11:20	Measles	Linam
11:20 – 11:35	Measles: a (brief) primer on clinical presentation and management	Harris
11:35 – 11:45	Georgia Situational Update: Measles, serious and high consequence	Aden
11:45 -12:00	Discussion/Q&A (Audience can submit questions and experts will discuss)	Harris, Linam, Aden
12:00	Wrap-up, Polls	Harris

Bios:

Gavin Harris, MD

Gavin H. Harris, MD is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine, holding appointments in both the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care Medicine and the Division of Infectious Diseases. He has been on faculty at Emory since 2020 and his professional expertise lies in the areas of disaster preparedness, medical countermeasures, and the treatment of special pathogens. Dr. Harris is the Director of Education and Outreach for the Emory University Serious Communicable Diseases Program Project ECHO and SitRep, the co-clinical lead for critical care medicine for Emory's Serious Communicable Diseases Unit (SCDU), and a rostered physician for the SCDU. Additionally, Dr. Harris is an alumni fellow of the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health's Center for Health Security Emerging Leaders in Biosecurity Initiative (ELBI) as well as faculty with the National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center (NETEC) as an adult care subject matter expert and a biothreats subject matter expert with the Southern Regional Disaster Response System (SRDRS).

Matt Linam, MD, MS

Dr. Linam joined Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Emory University as Associate Professor in 2017. He completed his internship and residency at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, where he also served as chief resident. He remained at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center for his fellowships in pediatric infectious diseases and quality improvement and obtained a Masters of Science in Environmental Health, Clinical and Translational Research at University of Cincinnati.



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He currently serves as faculty of Pediatric Infectious Disease Division of Emory School of Medicine and Hospital Epidemiologist for Scottish Rite Hospital. He is also Medical Director of Outcomes for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

Dr. Linam's passion is improving the quality and safety provided to children with a special focus on preventing healthcare-associated infections. Dr. Linam has also designed and led quality improvement training courses to help provide healthcare workers with the necessary skills to improve the quality and safety of the care they provide.

Vanessa Aden, MPH, MPA, CIC

Vanessa Aden currently serves as the Vaccine-Preventable Disease Epidemiologist, with Georgia Department of Public Health in the Acute Disease section. There she serves as the team lead Vaccine-Preventable Disease subject matter expert and provides support to District Epidemiologist and health care providers across the state of Georgia. Ms. Aden is responsible for monitoring the incidence of vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs) in Georgia including pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, tetanus, and diphtheria. As well as the development of written guidance for the diagnosis, investigation, treatment, and control of VPDs for use by local public health agencies, healthcare providers, and infection control practitioners.

Lastly, Ms. Aden provides support to any formal program evaluation projects conducted by the Georgia Immunization program and evaluates the effectiveness of immunizations, including the evaluation of immunization trends on VPD disease burden.

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