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Emory University
Serious Communicable Diseases Program (SCDP)
Project ECHO Program
Thinking Ahead of the World Cup: Radiological/Nuclear
Emergency Hospital Preparedness
Thursday, January 22, 2026
11 AM – 12 PM (ET)

Facilitator:

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

Didactic and Case Presenter:

- Ziad Kazzi, MD, FAAEM, FACEP, FACMT, FAACT – Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine & the Director of the International Toxicology Fellowship Program, Emory University; Co-Director, Emory Center for Advanced Emergency Care; Assistant Medical Director, Georgia Poison Center; Associate Medical Director, Southern Regional Disaster Response System; Co-director/past president of the Middle East North Africa Toxicology Association; President of the American College of Medical Toxicology (ACMT)

Public Health Presenter:

- Ricky Schutter - CBRNE Planning and Operations Coordinator, Georgia Department of Public Health

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:

- Understand the steps needed to take to prepare to receive victims of radiation incidents
- Discuss the management of critical trauma victims potentially contaminated with radioactive materials
- Discuss the management of radiation injuries

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Time	Topic	Presenter
11:00 -11:05	Welcome, Intros, Polls	Harris
11:05 -11:10	Situation Report – Overview of Current Disease Outbreaks	Harris
11:10 -11:35	Thinking Ahead of the 2026 FIFA World Cup: Radiological/Nuclear Emergency Preparedness: Preparedness for your Hospital	Kazzi
11:35 – 11:45	GA DPH & Radiation Response	Schutter
11:45 -12:00	Discussion/Q&A <i>(Audience can submit questions and experts will discuss)</i>	Harris, Kazzi, Schutter
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 Regional Education & Training and International Engagement 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).

Ziad Kazzi, MD, FAAEM, FACEP, FACMT, FAACT

Dr. Kazzi trained in Emergency Medicine at Emory University in Atlanta (2000-03) and in Medical Toxicology at Emory University, Georgia Poison Center and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2003-05) in Atlanta. Currently, he is a professor at the department of Emergency Medicine at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia as well as the director of the International Toxicology Fellowship Program at Emory University. He is also the assistant medical director of the Georgia Poison Center, associate medical director of the Southern Regional Disaster



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Response System and the co-director of the Emory Center for Advanced Emergency Care. As an emergency physician and toxicologist, Dr. Kazzi specializes in the recognition, triage, and management of poisonings and holds a deep interest in the areas of international toxicology, environmental health, chemical emergency preparedness and radiation emergency medicine. Through his work with UNICEF in the Republic of Georgia, he participated in the national strategic project to characterize lead hazards in children. He is currently serving as president of the American College of Medical Toxicology (ACMT) and is a board member of the Medical Toxicology Foundation. Dr. Kazzi has extensively lectured at National and International conferences and developed several curricula and training programs in radiation and chemical emergency preparedness and response. He is the co-director and past president of the Middle East North Africa Toxicology Association. Lastly, Dr. Kazzi is a member of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements and serves on the advisory committee of the Radiation Injury Treatment Network. He is the First Editor of the Advanced Hazmat Life Support for Radiological Incidents and Terrorism and has served between 2003 and 2025 as a subject matter expert for the CDC Radiation Studies Branch and later Radiation Team. Dr. Kazzi has also supported the WHO on various projects in clinical toxicology, poison centers and radiation emergency preparedness.

Ricky Schutter

Ricky started his career in the Emergency Management/CBRNE world in 2012 with the United States Air Force. During his time in Active duty, he moved around from South Dakota to New Mexico, to Hawaii and even overseas, gathering a great deal of real-world response experience to include: HAZMAT spills, Aircraft collisions, and even a volcano eruption!

In late 2018, he continued his service as an Air Force Reservist, and began his civilian EM career, eventually joining the GA DPH Team as the Emergency Preparedness Specialist for District 8-2. Having joined just before COVID-19 struck, most of his DPH experience has been navigating the pandemic... and what an experience that has been!

Finally, in 2022, he took the position of CBRNE Planning and Operations Coordinator, where he works with various response agencies and community health partners to prepare for disasters and large-scale incidents involving chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear weapons.

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