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Serious Communicable Diseases Program (SCDP)  
Project ECHO Program  
Ebola - Preparing & Protecting the Homeland  
Thursday, October 23, 2025  
11 AM – 12 PM (ET)

**Facilitator:**

- 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

**Didactic Presenter:**

- Anna Yaffee, MD, MPH - Associate Professor, Emory University School of Medicine, Department of Emergency Medicine; Emergency Medicine liaison to the Emory Serious Communicable Diseases Unit

**Public Health Presenter:**

- Litty Varghese, MPH - Infectious Disease Coordinator, Georgia Department of Public Health

**Case Presenter:**

- Marshall Lyon III, MD - Professor of Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases

**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:**

- Gain an overview of the current epidemiologic situation of the EVD outbreak in Democratic Republic of Congo
- Understand the presentation and implementation of the identify/isolate/inform principles as pertaining to a suspect or confirmed case of EVD
- Gain an understanding of the clinical management and available medical countermeasures for EVD



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| Time          | Topic                                                                             | Presenter                      |
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| 11:00 -11:05  | Welcome, Intros, Polls                                                            | Harris                         |
| 11:05 -11:10  | Situation Report – Overview of Current Disease Outbreaks                          | Harris                         |
| 11:10 -11:20  | Ebola Case Presentation                                                           | Lyon                           |
| 11:20 – 11:35 | Ebola Virus Disease: Identify, Isolate, Inform, and Initiate Care                 | Yaffee                         |
| 11:35 – 11:45 | Preparing for High Consequence Infectious Disease                                 | Varghese                       |
| 11:45 -12:00  | Discussion/Q&A<br><i>(Audience can submit questions and experts will discuss)</i> | Harris, Yaffee, Varghese, Lyon |
| 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).

**Anna Yaffee, MD, MPH:**

Dr. Anna Q. Yaffee is an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, practicing clinically at Grady Memorial and Emory University Hospitals. She serves as the Emergency Medicine liaison to the Emory Serious Communicable Diseases Unit and assists with frontline serious communicable disease preparedness for the Emory Healthcare system as well as nationally through the National



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Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center.

Dr. Yaffee is a board-certified emergency medicine physician, who received an MD (2012) and MPH (2008) from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI and completed her emergency medicine residency and chief residency (2015) at Emory University. Before returning to Emory as faculty, Dr. Yaffee served as a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Public Health Service and worked as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**Litty Varghese, MPH:**

Litty Varghese is the Infectious Disease Coordinator at the Georgia Department of Public Health. In her role there she manages the Georgia Infectious Disease Network (IDN) which is a tiered system of healthcare facilities planning and preparing to respond to High Consequences Infectious Diseases (HCIDs). She is responsible for the state's HCID plans, for developing the designation process for IDN facilities and facilitating education and resources for HCID preparedness. Litty works with various partners to address gaps in planning and to streamline coordination and communication between all stakeholders. Before this role, Litty worked at a local public health district for over 7 years in their emergency preparedness program managing a robust healthcare coalition. She earned her Master's in Public Health with a concentration in Infectious Disease Epidemiology from Columbia University in 2015.

**Marshall Lyon III, MD:**

Dr. G. Marshall Lyon, III, MD is a Professor of Medicine at the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA. He grew up in Huntington, WV. He received an undergraduate degree from Duke University, went to medical school at Marshall University in Huntington, and completed specialty training at Duke University Medical Center in combined internal medicine and pediatrics. Between 1998 – 2000 he worked at CDC as an Epidemic Intelligence Officer. Then, he pursued fellowship training in Infectious Diseases at the Massachusetts General Hospital/Brigham and Women's Hospital combined program. He joined the faculty at Emory in 2003.

Since 2007, Dr. Lyon has been the Director of Transplant Infectious Diseases. In 2014, he was one of five physicians primarily responsible for patients with Ebola cared for at Emory's Serious Communicable Diseases Unit. Dr. Lyon has an active clinical research program investigating novel therapies for fungal infections, cytomegalovirus, and more recently COVID-19. Dr. Lyon has authored over 90 publications, books, and book chapters.



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