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Serious Communicable Diseases Program (SCDP)
Project ECHO Program
Foodborne Illnesses - What to know
Thursday, December 11, 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:

- Lindsey B. Gottlieb, MD - Associate Professor, Emory University School of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases; Hospital Epidemiologist, Emory University Hospital and Emory University Orthopaedics and Spine Hospital

Case Presenter:

- Yokabed (Yoki) Ermias, MD, MPH – Second Year Infectious Diseases Fellow, Emory University School of Medicine

Public Health Presenter:

- Melissa Tobin-D'Angelo, MD, MPH - Medical Epidemiologist, Acute Disease Epidemiology Section, 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:

- To provide an update on the current state of foodborne illness monitoring and risks
- Utilize a case-based scenario to facilitate discussion of potential clinical presentations of a patient with suspected or confirmed case of a foodborne illness
- Improve preparedness by understanding current monitoring mechanisms as well as identifying opportunities for advancement

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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 -11:20	Foodborne Illness Case Presentation	Ermias
11:20 – 11:35	Foodborne Illness in the Healthcare Setting	Gottlieb
11:35 –11:45	Foodborne/Enteric Illness	Tobin-D'Angelo
11:45 -12:00	Discussion/Q&A <i>(Audience can submit questions and experts will discuss)</i>	Harris, Ermias, Gottlieb, Tobin-D'Angelo
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).

Yokabed (Yoki) Ermias, MD, MPH:

Yokabed (Yoki) Ermias is currently a 2nd year Infectious Diseases fellow at Emory. She completed her undergraduate degree and master's in public health at the University of Georgia. Immediately after college, she worked for 2 years at the CDC, one year in the Infectious Diseases Pathology Branch and another year as an epidemiology fellow in the Division of Reproductive



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Health. Afterwards, she attended medical school at the University of California San Diego and completed her Internal Medicine residency at Emory within the global health track. Dr. Ermias's clinical interests include global infectious diseases and public health. After fellowship she will be joining the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) class of 2026 as an EIS officer.

Lindsey Gottlieb, MD:

Lindsey Gottlieb is an Associate Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases at Emory University School of Medicine and the Hospital Epidemiologist at Emory University Hospital and Emory University Orthopaedics and Spine Hospital. As Hospital Epidemiologist, she provides medical and operational direction to infection prevention and control activities. Her research focuses on transmission-based precautions implementation and efficacy, outbreak investigations, and reducing healthcare-associated infections. Lindsey is also a practicing infectious diseases physician, caring for patients in both the outpatient and inpatient settings.

Melissa Tobin-D'Angelo, MD, MPH:

Melissa Tobin-D'Angelo has been the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) Team Lead over food and waterborne disease surveillance and outbreaks for more than 20 years and the Emerging Infections Program (EIP) Principal Investigator at the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) for 15 years. She has led numerous efforts to improve enteric disease surveillance quality, including integration of laboratory testing practices into our surveillance activities, streamlining electronic laboratory reporting, and piloting statistical methods for outbreak detection. She also leads surveillance and outbreak activities for non-enteric waterborne infections including legionella and invasive bacterial infections such as *N. meningitidis* and Group A streptococcus.

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