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Serious Communicable Diseases Program (SCDP)  
Project ECHO Program  
Thinking Ahead of the World Cup: Respiratory Pathogens  
(Novel Influenza, MERS)  
Thursday, February 26, 2026; 11am - 12pm  
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 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:**

- Srinivas Murthy, MD CM, MHSc, FRCPC - Pediatric Intensive Care and Infectious Diseases Physician, The University of British Columbia

**Public Health Presenter:**

- Amanda Feldpausch, DVM, MPH - Deputy State Epidemiologist, One Health Epidemiology Director/Deputy State Public Health Veterinarian, Georgia Department of Public Health, Epidemiology

**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 understanding of the current and projected epidemiologic trends of potential high-consequence respiratory pathogens as related to World Cup exposure
- Utilize case-base scenarios to discuss clinical presentation and management
- Understand the ongoing surveillance measures and public health preparedness approaches in Region IV



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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	Case Presentation	Murthy
11:20 – 11:35	High Consequence Respiratory Pathogens: Novel Influenza and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS)	Gottlieb
11:35 – 11:45	High Consequence Respiratory Pathogens Epidemiology and Surveillance	Feldpausch
11:45 -12:00	Discussion/Q&A <i>(Audience can submit questions and experts will discuss)</i>	Harris, Murthy, Gottlieb, Feldpausch,
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



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matter expert and a biothreats subject matter expert with the Southern Regional Disaster Response System (SRDRS).

**Srinivas Murthy, MD CM, MHSc, FRCPC**

Srinivas Murthy is a pediatric intensive care and infectious diseases physician at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. His research and clinical interests are in improving the management of children and adults with severe infections.

**Lindsey B. 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.

**Amanda Feldpausch, DVM, MPH**

Dr. Feldpausch serves as the Deputy State Epidemiologist and One Health Epidemiology Director at the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH). Amanda has been with DPH for over 10 years serving in a variety of roles including CDC/CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellow, Zoonotic and Vectorborne Disease Epidemiologist, Zika Epidemiology Team Lead, and Senior Epidemiology Consultant. She is a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer and earned her MPH in Global Epidemiology from Emory University and her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Georgia. In her current role, Amanda oversees One Health activities in Epidemiology in Georgia, these include the National Wastewater Surveillance System program and Respiratory Disease Epi Unit. Additionally, she serves as co-lead for Emerging Health Threat responses in Epidemiology and the lead for the H5N1/HPAI response.

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