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Serious Communicable Diseases Program (SCDP)
Project ECHO Program
Thinking Ahead of the World Cup: South American
Hemorrhagic Fevers
Thursday, April 30, 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 Presenter:

- Gaby Frank, MD - Hospitalist and Professor of Medicine, PAR at Johns Hopkins Hospital and University; Director for Johns Hopkins Special Pathogens Center (JHSPC)

Case Presenter:

- Anabel Sinchi MD, MPH, MPCZ, Head of Department, National Institute of Human Viral Diseases “Dr. Julio I. Maiztegui” (ANLIS, Argentina)

Public Health Presenter:

- Jessica Pavlick, DrPH, MPH - Epidemiologist Preparedness Director, 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 South American viral hemorrhagic fevers as related to World Cup exposure
- Utilize a case-based scenario 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	VHF Case Presentation	Sinchi
11:20 – 11:35	South American Hemorrhagic Fevers A Quick Review	Frank
11:35 – 11:45	South American Hemorrhagic Fevers	Pavlick
11:45 -12:00	Discussion/Q&A (Audience can submit questions and experts will discuss)	Harris, Sinchi, Frank, Pavlick
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).

Anabel Sinchi MD, MPH, MPCZ:

Anabel Sinchi, MD, MPH, MPCZ, is a public health physician specializing in viral hemorrhagic fevers, arboviral diseases, and emerging zoonoses. She serves as Head of Department at the National Institute of Human Viral Diseases “Dr. Julio I. Maiztegui” (ANLIS, Argentina), where she leads activities related to epidemiological surveillance, research, and control strategies for high-consequence infectious diseases.

Her work integrates research, public health practice, and policy development, with a focus on



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surveillance systems, vaccination strategies, and outbreak response. She has contributed to national technical guidelines and has extensive experience in training and capacity-building of health professionals in these areas, as well as in coordinating interdisciplinary teams.

Dr. Sinchi has participated as a technical expert and advisor in regional and international initiatives, collaborating with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) to strengthen capacities for the prevention and control of emerging viral and zoonotic diseases in the Americas.

Gaby Frank, MD:

Dr. Frank is a hospitalist and professor of medicine, PAR at Johns Hopkins Hospital and University. She is the Director for Johns Hopkins Special Pathogens Center (JHSPC), which is one of the 13 Regional Emergent Special Pathogens Treatment Centers (RESPTCs) in the US. Before joining JHU, she was a professor of Medicine at the University of Colorado and Director of the Biocontainment Unit (BCU) at Denver Health and Hospital Authority where she served as the site Principal Investigator for the NIH-sponsored ACTT trial. Dr. Frank is actively involved in National Ebola Training and Education Center (NETEC) and Special Pathogens Research Network (SPRN).

Dr. Frank received her medical diploma from the University of Buenos Aires in Buenos Aires, Argentina; completed a residency in Internal Medicine and another in Emergency Medicine in Argentina. She immigrated to the US in 2004 where she completed another Internal Medicine Residency at the University of Colorado joining faculty after graduation. Her areas of interest include emergent special pathogens and disaster preparedness and response, where she has published extensively; as well as medical education and faculty advancement

Jessica Pavlick, DrPH, MPH:

Dr. Jessica Pavlick is the Acute Disease Director for the Georgia Department of Public Health. Jessica has over seventeen years of public health experience in epidemiology and emergency preparedness at the state and local level. In her current role she oversees a wide variety of surveillance activities, planning and preparedness activities. In addition, she serves as the liaison with the local public health epidemiologists, oversees the syndromic surveillance program and the vaccine preventable disease program, and is the chair for Biowatch Advisory Committee for Georgia. Jessica earned her Doctorate in Public Health from Georgia Southern University and her Master's in Public Health degree with an emphasis in Epidemiology from the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida.

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