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Serious Communicable Diseases Program (SCDP)
Project ECHO Program
Identify, Isolate, Inform: Ebola Preparedness from the Field to the ED
Monday, June 29, 2026
11 AM – 12 PM (ET)

Facilitator:

- 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

Expert Panelists:

- Jill Morgan, RN, BSN - Site Manager, Serious Communicable Diseases Unit, Emory University Hospital
- Alexander Isakov, MD, MPH, FACEP, FAEMS – Professor of Emergency Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine; Chief, Division of Pre-Hospital and Disaster Medicine, and Executive Director for Health Security at Emory University
- Brooke Brewer, BSN, RN, MS, CIC - Program Manager, Infection Prevention, Special Pathogens Response Center (SPARC), UNC 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:

- Recognize the epidemiologic risk factors, clinical presentation, and screening criteria that should prompt consideration of Ebola virus disease in prehospital and emergency department settings.
- Understand how to implement appropriate infection prevention and control measures, including patient isolation, PPE use, and safe patient transport strategies to reduce risk of healthcare-associated transmission.
- Apply the identify/Isolate/Inform framework to coordinate timely communication, reporting, and escalation among EMS agencies, emergency departments, public health authorities, and specialized treatment centers in the event of a suspected outbreak.



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Time	Topic	Presenter
11:00-11:05	Welcome, Intros, Polls	Yaffee
11:05 -11:20	Case Presentation: Setting the Stage	Yaffee
11:20 – 11:35	Table Talk Discussion	Yaffee, Morgan, Isakov, Brewer
11:35 -12:00	Discussion/Q&A (Audience can submit questions and experts will discuss)	Yaffee, Morgan, Isakov, Brewer
12:00	Wrap-up, Polls	Yaffee

Bios:

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 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.

Jill Morgan, RN, BSN

Jill Morgan has over thirty-five years of emergency and critical care nursing experience. She is on Emory's Serious Communicable Disease Unit team and cared for all five of Emory's viral hemorrhagic fever patients. She now serves as the site manager for the Emory biocontainment unit, and co-creator of Emory's Healthcare Test Kitchen.

Jill is a PPE subject matter expert and co-lead of the PPE Working Group for NETEC, with a subspecialty in Category A waste. She is a member of ASTM, AAMI, ANSI, and APIC. In 2023, Jill was appointed to the National Academies Committee on Personal Protective Equipment.

Alexander Isakov, MD, MPH, FACEP, FAEMS



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Dr. Isakov is a Professor of Emergency Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine. Chief of the Division of Pre-Hospital and Disaster Medicine, and Executive Director for Health Security at Emory University.

Dr. Isakov is on the American College of Emergency Physicians Epidemic Expert Panel. He is the EMS lead for the National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center (NETEC) and is a designated Subject Matter Expert for ASPR TRACIE, with whom he led the development of the EMS Infectious Disease Playbook. He is the medical director for the Emory-Grady EMS Biosafety Transport Program.

Dr. Isakov has an MD from the University of Pittsburgh and an MPH from Boston University. He completed his residency training at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center and his EMS fellowship with Boston EMS. Dr. Isakov practices clinically in the emergency department of Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, GA.

Brooke Brewer, BSN, RN, MS, CIC

Brooke Brewer is the Program Manager for UNC Hospitals' Special Pathogen Response Center (SPARC) at UNC Health. Over her career as a registered nurse, Brooke has built a diverse background spanning critical care, nursing leadership, and infection prevention. She is passionate about advancing infection prevention practices and strengthening preparedness for high-consequence infectious diseases.

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