

**Emory University**  
**Serious Communicable Diseases Program (SCDP)**  
**Project ECHO Program**  
**Mitigating Monkeypox Misinformation**  
**Thursday, October 13, 2022**  
**11 AM – 12 PM (EST)**

**Medical Director:** Gavin Harris, MD- *Emory University School of Medicine, Divisions of Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine & Infectious Diseases; Serious Communicable Diseases Program*

**Facilitator:** Jessica Tarabay MPH, MHR, CIC - *Emory University, Infection Control Manager, Emory University Hospital, Emory Orthopaedic & Spine Hospital, and Emory Wesley Woods Hospital*

**Expert Panelist(s):**

- David Holland, MD, MHS, FIDSA - Emory University, Division of Infectious Diseases and Fulton County Board of Health, Chief Clinical Officer
- Carlos Del Rio, MD - Emory University, Division of Infectious Diseases
- Aneesh Mehta, MD – Emory University, Division of Infectious Diseases

**Target Audience:**

- Anyone interfacing with patients, including EMTs, paramedics, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, hospital administrators, etc., are welcome to attend.

**Session Objectives:**

- Recognize and identify misinformation and disinformation regarding the monkeypox virus outbreak
- Gain an understanding of current strategies to mitigate the spread of misinformation and disinformation at a public health level for infectious diseases
- Obtain real-world knowledge to apply such strategies throughout Region IV

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<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
11:00-11:05	Welcome, Intros, Polls	Tarabay
11:05-11:10	Situation Report	Tarabay
11:10-11:20	Monkeypox Case Presentation	Mehta
11:20-11:35	Mitigating Monkeypox Misinformation	Holland
11:35-12:00	Discussion/Q&A <i>(Audience can submit questions and experts will discuss)</i>	Tarabay, Holland, del Rio

12:00	Wrap-up, Polls	Tarabay
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**Bios:**

**Jessica Tarabay**

Jessica Tarabay has over 7 years of Infection Prevention experience and holds a background in public health and epidemiology. Jessica joined Emory Healthcare May of 2019 where she is an Infection Prevention subject matter expert for a variety of specialties including Hematology/Oncology, Solid Organ and Bone Marrow Transplant, Emergency Preparedness, and Perioperative services. Prior to her arrival in Atlanta, she has worked as an Infection Preventionist in both academic medical institutions, pediatric, and community hospitals settings.

Jessica holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Health from Texas A&M University in College Station, TX, a Master of Public Health from University of Oklahoma Health Science Center in Oklahoma City, OK, and a Master's in Human Relations from University of Oklahoma in Tulsa, OK. Jessica is a current doctoral candidate in the Dr.PH program at the University of Georgia.

**Dr. David Holland**

Dr. Holland is Associate Professor of Medicine in Infectious Diseases at Emory University and is also the Chief Clinical Officer for the Fulton County Board of Health in Atlanta, Georgia. He completed medical school and residency training at Emory University in Atlanta, GA, following which he served as the TB clinician for the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness in Atlanta, where he cared for over 500 adults and children with active and suspected tuberculosis. He left Atlanta in 2006 to complete his fellowship training Infectious Diseases at Duke University. After five additional years on Duke's faculty, Dr. Holland returned to Atlanta in 2014 to join the faculty at Emory University.

Dr. Holland currently supervises the Sexual Health, Tuberculosis, and HIV Programs for Fulton County, where he has overseen initiatives such as the launch of the first health department-based PrEP Clinic in the Southeast as well as the rapid entry to HIV care program. He also oversees the medical aspects of epidemic response for Fulton County, responsible for vaccinating over 500,000 individuals for COVID-19 and over 6,000 people for monkeypox.

**Dr. Carlos del Rio**

Carlos del Rio, MD is the Leon L. Haley, Jr. MD Distinguished Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at Emory University School of Medicine and Executive Associate Dean for Emory at Grady. He is also Professor of Global Health and Professor of Epidemiology at the Rollins School of Public Health. He is co-Director of the Emory Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) and co-PI of the Emory-CDC HIV Clinical Trials Unit and the Emory Vaccine and Treatment Evaluation Unit. Dr. del Rio is a native of Mexico where he attended medical school at Universidad La Salle, graduating with honors in 1983. He did his Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases residencies at Emory University. In 1989 he returned to Mexico where he was Executive Director of the National AIDS Council of Mexico (CONASIDA, the Federal agency of the Mexican Government responsible for AIDS Policy throughout Mexico), from 1992 through

1996. In November of 1996 Dr. del Rio returned to Emory where he is involved in patient care, teaching and research.

Dr. del Rio was Chief of the Emory Medical Service at Grady Memorial Hospital from 2001 - 2009 and Chair of the Hubert Department of Global Health from 2009 - 2019. Dr. del Rio's research focuses on the early diagnosis, access to care, engagement in care, compliance with antiretrovirals and the prevention of HIV infection. He has worked for over a decade with marginalized populations to improve clinical care and outcomes in the U.S. and abroad. Dr. del Rio was a member of the WHO Influenza A(H1N1) Clinical Advisory Group and of the CDC Influenza A(H1N1) Task Force during the 2009 pandemic. Dr. del Rio is Chief Section Editor for HIV/AIDS for *NEJM Journal Watch Infectious Diseases* and member of the editorial board of *Journal of AIDS* and *Global Public Health*. He has co-authored 30 book chapters and over 500 scientific papers.

Dr. del Rio was elected in 2013 to the National Academy of Medicine and, in 2020 was elected as the International Secretary of the National Academy of Medicine. He is also the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board of PEPFAR, Member of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Scientific Council, member of UNAIDS Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee and President-elect of the Infectious Diseases Society of America.

Among his many honors are the *James H. Nakano Citation* received in 2001 and awarded by the CDC for an outstanding scientific paper published in 2000; the Emory University *Marion V. Creekmore Achievement Award* for Internationalization; the *Thomas Jefferson Award* from Emory University, the highest award conferred by Emory to a faculty or staff member who has significantly enriched the intellectual and civic life of the Emory community, the *Ohtli Award* from the Government of Mexico for work that benefits communities of Mexican origin living in the U.S., the APHA Award for Excellence in Public Health and the MAP International Bill Foege Global Health Award. In 2021 he was recognized by the Carnegie Corporation of New York as a "*Great Immigrant, Great American*". Dr. del Rio was recently recognized by the CDC Office of Minority Health and Health Equity as a *Health Equity Champion*.

During the COVID-19 pandemic Dr. del Rio has been a leader locally and nationally, doing research, developing policies, writing scientific publications and making countless media appearances. Dr. del Rio has advised municipal, state, and national leaders including Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, Tyler Perry Studios, the NCAA, the USTA, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, Truist Bank, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and the Atlanta Opera among others. He also serves on the national advisory committee of the COVID Collaborative, which focuses on developing consensus recommendations and engaging with U.S. leaders on effective policy and coronavirus response.

### **Dr. Aneesh Mehta**

In July 2009, Dr. Mehta joined the faculty of Emory University. He is a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases and the Assistant Director of the Transplant Infectious Diseases Section. In 2020, Dr. Mehta was named the Chief of Infectious Diseases Services for Emory University Hospital and Emory University Orthopedic and Spine Hospital.

Dr. Mehta's research and clinical paths have focused on treatment of and protection against infections in immunocompromised hosts, including patients with organ transplants, stem cell transplants, leukemia/lymphoma, and HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Mehta also serves as the Consultant for Occupational Exposure at Emory University's Emory National Primate Center. In this role, he supervises the care of employees at Emory National Primate Research Center who have incurred a work related exposure or injury, including Herpes-B exposures.

Dr. Mehta has served as member of the Emory Serious Communicable Diseases Unit (SCDU) since 2009. In addition, he serves a co-PI for ASPR's National Emerging Special Pathogen Training and Education Center (NETEC) and the Emory lead for Special Pathogen Research Network (SPRN).



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