

**Emory University**  
**Serious Communicable Diseases Program (SCDP)**  
**Project ECHO Program**  
**A Case of Candida Auris**  
**Thursday, June 29, 2023**  
**11 AM – 12 PM (EST)**

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

**Expert Panelist(s):**

- Meghan Lyman, MD - Medical Officer, Mycotic Diseases Branch, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Minh-Hong Nguyen, MD - Director of Transplant Infectious Diseases, Director of Antimicrobial Management Program, Department of Infectious Diseases, University of Pittsburgh
- Lucy S. Witt, MD, MPH, MSc - Fellow, Department of Infectious Diseases, Emory University

**Target Audience:**

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

**Session Objectives:**

- Obtain an understanding of the microbiology and clinical relevance of *Candida auris* (*C. auris*)
- Utilize a case-based scenario to discuss the clinical presentation and management of a patient with *C. Auris*
- Understand the current state, ongoing surveillance measures, infection prevention approaches, and public health implications of *C. Auris*

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Time	Topic	Presenter
11:00-11:05	Welcome, Intros, Polls	Harris
11:05-11:10	Situation Report	Harris
11:10-11:20	Candida Auris – Two Cases	Witt
11:20-11:35	Candida Auris – What makes it unique among Candida spp.?	Nguyen
11:35-11:45	Candida Auris - CDC Response	Lyman
11:45-12:00	Discussion/Q&A (Audience can submit questions and experts will discuss)	Harris, Witt, Nguyen, Lyman
12:00	Wrap-up, Polls	Harris

**Bios:**

**Dr. Gavin Harris**

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 medical director 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).

**Dr. Meghan Lyman**

Meghan Lyman is a medical officer in the CDC's Mycotic Diseases Branch, focusing on Candida, including Candida Auris, and antifungal resistance. She completed medical school and Internal Medicine Residency at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. She then joined the CDC as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer in the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, after which she joined the International Infection Control Program.

**Dr. Minh-Hong Nguyen**

Dr. Nguyen is a researcher, clinician, educator and administrator, who has a 30-year history of leadership in medical mycology since her Infectious Diseases Fellowship. She has published >250 papers in the medical literature. She has been funded continuously for 25 years by the National Institutes of Health for her laboratory research on fungal pathogenesis, antifungal resistance, and molecular genetics of highly resistant bacterial infections. Her lab is also funded by the CDC, foundation and industry sources for far-reaching research on infectious diseases diagnostics, antimicrobial susceptibility, and other translational topics. Dr. Nguyen has clinical expertise in infections in transplant recipients and other immunosuppressed hosts and antimicrobial stewardship and serves as director for the transplant infectious diseases and antibiotic stewardship programs at UPMC. She has been a member of Infectious Diseases of America's committees on clinical guidelines for management of aspergillosis and cryptococcosis. She has won multiple teaching and mentoring awards for medical students, residents and fellows at the Universities of Pittsburgh and Florida.

**Dr. Lucy S. Witt**

Lucy Witt is a third-year infectious disease fellow in the Division of Infectious Diseases at Emory University. Originally from Washington DC, Dr Witt attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for her undergraduate degree and internal medicine residency. She has a research interest in drug-resistant healthcare-associated infections and hospital epidemiology, and a clinical interest in immunocompromised hosts. She is excited to be joining Emory faculty later this summer.



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