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Special SCDP Webinar: Ebola/Special Pathogens Table Talk Discussion
Thursday, October 27, 2022
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):

- Alexander Isakov, MD, MPH, FAEMS – Emory University, Department of Prehospital and Disaster Medicine and Office of Critical Event Preparedness and Response
- Kari Love, RN, MS, CIC, FAPIC - Emory Healthcare, Infection Prevention
- Sharon Vanairsdale, DNP, APRN, ACNS-BC, NP-C, CEN, FAEN, FAAN, FNAP – Emory University, Division of Infectious Diseases
- Cherie Drenzek, DVM, MS - Georgia Department of Public Health, Department of Epidemiology

Target Audience:

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

Clinic Objectives:

- Apply the identify, isolate, and inform algorithm, through a scenario-based facilitated discussion of a patient presenting with a special pathogen.
- Elucidate the various roles and actions of appropriate stakeholders, in public and private sectors, in Region IV, in managing patients with special pathogens.
- Educate healthcare leaders and frontline healthcare workers on the resources available and needed, for special pathogen preparedness, throughout Region IV.

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Time	Topic	Presenter
11:00-11:05	Welcome, Intros, Polls	Harris
11:05-11:10	Situation Report	Harris
11:10-11:15	Case Presentation: Setting the Stage	Harris
11:15-11:45	Table Talk Discussion	Vanairsdale, Harris, Love, Isakov, Drenzek

11:45-12:00	Q&A <i>(Audience can submit questions and experts will discuss)</i>	Harris, Vanairsdale, Love, Isakov, Drenzek
12:00	Wrap-up, Polls	Harris

Bios:

Gavin Harris, MD

Dr. Gavin Harris is a faculty member at Emory University School of Medicine. He is dually appointed in Critical Care Medicine and Infectious Diseases with professional interests in disaster preparedness, rapid diagnostics, biosecurity, and the treatment of high consequence pathogens.

Alexander Isakov, MD, MPH, FAEMS

Dr. Isakov is a Professor of Emergency Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine and the director of Emory's Section of Prehospital and Disaster Medicine. He is also the Executive Director for Emory's Office of Critical Event Preparedness and Response.

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.

Kari L Love, RN MS CIC FAPIC

Kari has worked in healthcare for over 30 years as a Registered Nurse and discovered her passion for infection prevention and epidemiology 20 years ago. She is currently the Corporate Director of Infection Prevention at Emory Healthcare.

Kari has published and co-authored books and numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals and continues to remain involved in the day-to-day challenges of infection prevention. She is the recipient of the Daisy Leadership Award for her contributions during the COVID pandemic response at Emory and has received recognition for her leadership and clinical achievements.

Kari received her Nursing Degree from New Mexico State University and her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Clinical Management and Leadership from George Washington University.

She is certified in infection prevention and control (CIC) has been recognized as a Fellow of APIC (FAPIC) and is currently completing her Ph.D. in Translational Health Sciences at George Washington University. Kari lives in Atlanta with her partner and fur babies and enjoys gardening and travel.

Sharon Vanairsdale, DNP, APRN, ACNS-BC, NP-C, CEN, FAEN, FAAN

Sharon Vanairsdale is an Associate Professor, clinical track, and the Program Director for the Serious Communicable Diseases Unit at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, GA, the Health and Human Services designated Region 4 Ebola and Other Special Pathogen Treatment Center. As the Program Director, she manages unit readiness and hospital preparedness for patients with special pathogens and has been involved with the preparation and response to the COVID-19 pandemic at Emory Healthcare.

Dr. Vanairsdale is also the Director of Education and Resources for the National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center (NETEC), a training program funded by HHS to prepare healthcare workers to safely and effectively manage patients with special pathogens. Since the beginning of the pandemic, Dr. Vanairsdale has helped lead NETEC to develop and deploy education and resources related to COVID-19. She has collaborated with federal partners at CDC and ASPR to disseminate best practices related to patient care, conservation strategies for personal protective equipment, infection prevention and control measures, among others.

Dr. Vanairsdale serves as Chair of the Emerging Infectious Diseases Expert Panel for the American Academy of Nursing and is a member of the Emergency Nurses Association Position Statement Committee. She is also a fellow in the Academy of Emergency Nurses and the American Academy of Nursing. In 2016, Dr. Vanairsdale was awarded the American Nurses Credentialing Center Magnet Nurse of the Year for Exemplary Professional Practice and the Georgia Chapter March of Dimes Nurse of the Year for Nursing Administration. In 2017, she was inducted into the Academy of Emergency Nurses and the American Academy of Nursing. Dr. Vanairsdale received her Doctor of Nurse Practice from Emory University's School of Nursing in December 2018.

Cherie Drenzek , DVM, MS

Dr. Cherie Drenzek grew up in Detroit, Michigan and received her bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences and her Master's degree in Food Microbiology from Wayne State University in Detroit. She attended Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine and received her DVM in 1995; the same year, she entered the Epidemic Intelligence Service program at CDC and was stationed in the Rabies Section. Following EIS, Cherie was employed as an Assistant Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine. Cherie has been employed at the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) since 1999 and has served in a variety of roles, including infectious disease medical epidemiologist and State Public Health Veterinarian. Cherie served as Director of the Acute Disease Epidemiology Section and Deputy State Epidemiologist from 2005-2011 and was named State Epidemiologist on August 1, 2011. In addition, Cherie was named as DPH's first Chief Science Officer in 2019. Cherie has led DPH's epidemiologic response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Georgia since

January 2020.



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