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LEARNING FROM EBOLA AND THE FUTURE U.S. ROLE IN GLOBAL HEALTH

A SYMPOSIUM

Wednesday October 18, 2017
2:00pm – 5:30pm
Reception to follow

The Lawrence P. and Ann Estes Klamon Room
Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University
Atlanta, GA

The 2014 Ebola epidemic in western Africa was the longest and deadliest Ebola outbreak in history, resulting in 28,616 cases and 11,310 deaths – affecting patients and causing panic in countries across the globe, including the United States. In the midst of the rapidly spreading, highly dangerous contagious disease—with no Ebola-specific vaccines or therapeutics available to help curb the epidemic—the international community implemented clinical trials on investigational agents, not yet studied in humans for safety or efficacy. Even on the U.S. side of the Atlantic, American patients who became infected were returned to the United States for care, but clinical guidelines were dynamic and had to be updated as new information emerged. Research to inform medical and public health practice was critically needed.

Infectious disease outbreaks such as this one clearly show that the health and well-being of other countries both directly and indirectly affect the health, safety, and economic security of Americans. Though the United States has long been a leader in global health, when faced with competing priorities, the case for continued commitment must be made. To address this critical interdependency among countries and protect U.S. citizens, improve U.S. diplomacy, and demonstrate moral leadership, recent National Academies' consensus study reports recommend continued investment in global health.

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Rollins School of Public Health/Emory University, and the Association of Schools and Programs for Public Health, are hosting a global health symposium to discuss recently released National Academies' reports – [Global Health and the Future Role of the United States](#) and [Integrating Clinical Research into Epidemic Response: The Ebola Experience](#) – and experiences in the Atlanta region during the 2014 Ebola outbreak. The symposium features two panels of global health experts and will point towards implications of future U.S. investments in global health.

Program

Time	Session	Leaders/Moderators
2:00 – 2:05 pm	Welcome & Introductions	James Curran , Dean, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University Laura Magaña , President and CEO, Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
2:05 – 2:15pm	Setting the Stage: Overview of National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Reports	Victor Dzau , President, National Academy of Medicine
Learning from Ebola		
2:15 –3:15 pm	Panel Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrating Clinical Research into Epidemic Response: The Ebola Experience <i>Gerald Keusch</i>, Committee Co-chair Ebola Epidemic Response in West Africa: Lessons Learned <i>Inger Damon</i>, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Ebola Response in the U.S.: Clinical Care <i>Bruce Ribner</i>, Professor of Medicine, Emory University 	James Curran , Dean, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University
3:15 – 3:40 pm	Q&A and Discussion	
3:40 – 3:55 pm	BREAK	
The Future U.S. Role in Global Health		
3:55 – 4:20 pm	Panel Presentation: Global Health and the Future Role of the United States <i>Michael Merson</i> , Founding Director, Duke Global Health Institute	Laura Magaña , President and CEO, Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
4:20 – 5:30 pm	Panel Discussion: The Future Role of Global Health for the United States <i>Dionisio Herrera Guibert</i> , Director, TEPHINET, The Task Force for Global Health <i>Anne Schuchat</i> , Principal Deputy Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <i>Carlos DelRio</i> , Global Health Chair, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University <i>Michael Merson</i> , Founding Director, Duke Global Health Institute	Victor Dzau , President, National Academy of Medicine Laura Magaña , President and CEO, Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
5:30 pm	ADJOURN	
5:30 – 6:30 pm	NAM-hosted Public Reception	