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Chikungunya Virus: A Growing Preventable Risk to Travelers in a Warming Planet

Grand Hall J - Ballroom Level (East Tower)
Friday, October 20, 7 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

This interactive, 90-minute panel discussion-based symposium will cover multiple aspects of Chikungunya virus (CHIKV) transmission and mosquito distribution with a focus on the impact of climate change on the reservoir, entomology and unpredictability of outbreaks and inability prevent endemicity and imported cases in travelers. The symposium will raise physician awareness with 2 patient case studies assessing the difficulties in diagnosis and management and the symposium will conclude with outlining the need for a CHIKV vaccine, the types of vaccines in development and latest vaccine clinical trial data.

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Program Agenda

7:15 AM – Welcome and Introduction

Lin H. Chen

7:20 AM – Entomology, Transmission, Mosquito Distribution, and Travel-Related Epidemiology and Risk

Davidson H. Hamer

7:30 AM – Panel Discussion on Outbreak Unpredictability, Lack of Awareness, Travel-Related Risks,
Impact of Climate Change, and Mosquito Protection Measures

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Francesca F. Norman

7:45 AM – Challenges With Diagnosis, Clinical Presentation, and Management

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7:55 AM – Panel Discussion: Traveler Patient Cases

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Rogelio López-Vélez

Francesca F. Norman

8:05 AM – Chikungunya Vaccines: Where Are We Now?

Rogelio López-Vélez

8:15 AM – Panel Discussion: Who Should Be Vaccinated, Prioritization, Outbreaks, and Overcoming
Vaccines Hesitation

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8:30 AM – Summary
Lin H. Chen

8:35 AM – Q and A