



Emerging Infections in Clinical Practice and Public Health

Friday, November 20, 2026

InterContinental Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport

Co-Chairs: Susan Kline, Adi Shah, Ruth Lynfield

Friday, November 20, 2026 Program is in Central Standard Time	
7:00 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:10 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions <i>Adi Shah, M.B.B.S., Ruth Lynfield, M.D., and Susan Kline, M.D., MPH</i>
8:15 a.m.	Vaccine Confidence <i>Sean O'Leary, M.D., MPH – University of Colorado School of Medicine and Colorado Children's Hospital</i>
8:45 a.m.	Questions and Discussion
9:00 a.m.	Prep <i>Vu Ha, Pharm.D. - University of Minnesota</i>
9:30 a.m.	Questions and Discussion
9:45 a.m.	Cases From the Travel Desk <i>Abinash Virk, M.D.</i>
10:15 a.m.	Questions and Discussion
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Refreshment Break
10:45 a.m.	Hot Topics in Public Health <i>Nick Lehnertz, M.D., MPH- Minnesota Department of Health</i>
11:15 a.m.	Questions and Discussion
11:30 a.m.	Access to Infectious Diseases and Importance of Telehealth <i>Kate Peterson, D.O. - Minneapolis VA Healthcare System</i>
12:00 p.m.	Questions and Discussion
12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m.	GU Infections, New Drugs <i>Kellie Hannan, Pharm.D. - Mayo Clinic</i>
1:45 p.m.	Questions and Discussion
2:00 p.m.	Measles and Its Complications <i>Michelle Barton, M.D. – Schulich School of Medicine and Children's Hospital LHSC, Ontario</i>
2:30 p.m.	Questions and Discussion
2:45 - 3:00 p.m.	Refreshment Break
3:00 p.m.	Special Pathogens Unit Point of Care Testing HCID (test targets, turn around time, transport, limitations) <i>Tori Nemitz, MLS - University of Minnesota</i>
3:30 p.m.	Questions and Discussion
3:45 p.m.	Challenging Cases of Public Health Interest Moderator: <i>Dimitri Drekonja, M.D., M.S.- Minneapolis VA Healthcare System, Stacy Holzbauer, DVM, MPH - Minnesota Department of Health</i> Panelists: <i>Jack McHugh, M.B.B.Ch.- Mayo Clinic</i> <i>Anjum Kaka, M.D. - Minneapolis VA Healthcare System</i>

	<i>Ayesha Rashid, M.D.- St Paul Infectious Disease Associates</i>
4:45 p.m.	Closing Remarks <i>Adi Shah, M.B.B.S., Ruth Lynfield, M.D., and Susan Kline, M.D., MPH</i>

**Faculty and Curriculum Subject to Change*