

Bridging Cultures to Defeat COVID-19

Virtual Exchange Conference

February 28th - March 13th, 2022

Program Overview:

SUNY Upstate Medical University's Bridging Cultures to Defeat COVID-19 is a virtual health sciences education program that brings together American, Middle Eastern, and North African clinical and scientific trainees for collaborative scientific and medical education, and for unique professional development and cultural exchange opportunities.

Participants:

Undergraduate, Graduate, and Young Adult (>18 years of age) pre- and post-degree health science trainees. Graduate and Medical faculty/staff are also encouraged to register and participate to provide mentorship and networking opportunities for the trainees. CME credit and professional development certificates will be available.

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To Register** 

How to Register: 
Questions: 

Activities:

The conference will offer traditional academic and scientific activities intended to foster international and intercultural awareness, dialogue, and collaboration toward tackling global health problems. Trainee participants attend, and some may deliver, real-time or pre-recorded seminars and poster sessions on various topics of COVID-19 science and medicine.

Topics Covered Include:

- Epidemiology and Public Health
- Testing and Diagnostics
- Emergency and Critical Care
- Pediatric Disorders and Complications
- Neurological Symptoms and Complications
- Psychiatric and Mental Health Complications and Considerations
- Vaccine and Non-vaccine Therapeutic Strategies
- The New Normal: Preparing Hospital Operations to Safeguard Lives and Livelihoods



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Team Building & Gamification:

International teams will engage and work together in virtual journal club activities, preparing posters or presentations, and offering constructive feedback. Individuals and teams will have the opportunity to earn points for participation through gamification activities, with a leaderboard displayed throughout the event on the virtual platform.

Professional Development:

Guided cultural competence building and awareness, implicit bias, and imposter syndrome exercises and workshops will be offered. Training will be led and designated by [REDACTED]

Incentives:

- Network and learn with experienced professionals in your field.
- Trainees who meet the required program criteria may request digital completion certificates/badges.

Learning Objectives:

- Enhance professional development through networking and reflecting with participants from other countries.
- Use effective cultural communication strategies when interacting with others.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the healthcare needs and disparities of diverse populations.
- Discuss how cultural beliefs shape interpretations and experience of disease(s) and treatment(s) across the world.
- Understand and utilize strategies and resources to instill cultural competence as a life-long learning process.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of healthcare, public health, and research professionals as part of an interprofessional team.
- Prepare learners to synthesize, evaluate, and apply knowledge to tackle current and future global health concerns collaboratively and equitably.
- Use technology, information resources, and diverse ways of knowing to solve problems through virtual exchange.

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Spring Agenda, February 28 – March 13, 2022

Monday, February 28th

	Daily Theme: Introductions
7:00 – 7:15 AM EST	Opening Remarks [Redacted] [Redacted] <i>Upstate Medical University</i>
7:15 – 8:45 AM EST	Keynote Panel: Epidemiology and Public Health [Redacted] [Redacted]
9:00 – 10:00 AM EST	Keynote: Pediatrics and the COVID-19 Pandemic [Redacted]
12:00 – 1:00 PM EST	Social Hour: Conference Welcome

Tuesday, March 1st

	Daily Theme: Commute to School
7:00 – 8:30 AM EST	Keynote Panel: Neurological Complications of COVID-19 [Redacted] [Redacted]
11:00 – 11:45 PM EST	Journal Club: COVID-19: from Acute to Chronic Disease? Potential Long-Term Health Consequences
12:00 – 1:30 PM EST	Workshop: Wellness [Redacted]

Wednesday, March 2nd

	Daily Theme: Academic Papers
7:00 – 8:30 AM EST	Keynote Panel: Pediatric Disorders and Complications [Redacted] [Redacted]
12:00 – 1:00 PM EST	Social Hour: Network with Faculty and Staff

Thursday, March 3rd

	Daily Theme: Share your Hobby
7:00 – 8:30 AM EST	Keynote Panel: Emergency and Critical Care [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
9:00 – 10:30 AM EST	Keynote: The Role of Biochemical Markers in Monitoring COVID-19 Patients [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
	Keynote: Molecular Characterization of MDR Bacteria Colonizing COVID-19 Patients in Libya [REDACTED]
12:00 – 1:00 PM EST	Journal Club: Improving Patient Understanding of Treatment Plans

Friday, March 4th

	Daily Theme: Favorite Food
8:30 – 9:30 AM EST	Keynote: Telemedicine and home care in the management of severe COVID-19 [REDACTED]
9:30 – 10:00 AM EST	Pre-recorded Keynote: Telegeriatrics & the COVID-19 pandemic [REDACTED]
11:00 – 11:45 AM EST	Journal Club: COVID-19 impacts on food supply
12:00 – 1:00 PM EST	Social Hour: Pharmacovigilance during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Monday, March 7th

	Daily Theme: School Spirit
7:00 – 8:30 AM EST	Keynote Panel: Testing and Diagnostics [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
9:00 – 10:00 AM EST	Keynote: A Real Data-Driven Analytical Model for Testing for the Novel Coronavirus Disease [REDACTED]
11:00 – 12:00 PM EST	Journal Club: Optimizing Testing Regimes for the Detection of COVID-19 in Children and Older Adults
12:00 – 1:00 PM EST	Poster Viewing

Tuesday, March 8th

	Daily Theme: Group Participation
7:00 – 8:30 AM EST	Keynote Panel: COVID-19 Pathology, Therapy, and Prevention • Pathophysiology of Platelet Behavior in COVID-19 Infection • COVID-19 Therapies • Recommended interpersonal distance for Covid-19 prevention
9:30 – 11:00 AM EST	Poster Viewing
11:00 – 11:45 AM EST	Social Hour: Working Through Patient Challenges During the COVID-19 Pandemic
12:00 – 1:30 PM EST	Workshop: Understanding the Leader in You: Tackling Bias and Imposter Syndrome

Wednesday, March 9th

	Daily Theme: Role Model in Science and Medicine
7:00 – 8:30 AM EST	Keynote Panel: Vaccine Considerations for COVID-19
10:00 – 10:45 AM EST	Poster Viewing
11:00 – 11:45 AM EST	Journal Club: Antiviral Drug Discovery: Preparing for the Next Pandemic
12:00 – 1:30 PM EST	Workshop: Medical Ethics

Thursday, March 10th

	Daily Theme: Career Goals
7:00 – 8:30 AM EST	Keynote Panel: Psychiatric and Mental Health Complications and considerations for COVID-19
9:00 – 10:00 AM EST	Keynote: Epidemiological Status of COVID-19 in Libya

11:00 – 12:00 PM EST | **Social Hour: COVID-19 and Mental Health**

12:00 – 1:00 PM EST | **Live Poster Session**

Friday, March 11th

Daily Theme: Lecture Hall

7:00 – 8:30 AM EST | **Keynote Panel: The New Normal: Preparing Hospital Operations to Safeguard Lives and Livelihoods**



9:00 – 10:00 AM EST | **Keynote: Cardiac Manifestation of COVID-19**



11:00 – 12:00 PM EST | **Social Hour: Conference Reflection**