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April 4
Pamela Constable, Washington Post
Topic: Immigration Policy

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Tuesday, February 7, 2017

The Zika Virus: Dangers and Responses

We have been hearing for over a year that the Zika virus poses an increasing danger to human beings, especially the most vulnerable among us, newborn babies. The worst effects on infants stem from microcephaly, which typically includes an abnormally small brain, a partially collapsed skull, damage to the back of the eye, and a limited range of motion in joints. Not all babies born with congenital Zika infection will have all of these problems, however, some who do not have microcephaly at birth may later develop it later.

Also associated with Zika infection is Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS), an uncommon sickness of the nervous system that can affect adults. With GBS, a person's own immune system damages the nerve cells, causing muscle weakness, and sometimes paralysis.

Unfortunately, there is no cure for Zika, so current approaches feature prevention. Because the virus is spread most often through mosquito bites, prevention includes the suppression of mosquito populations in areas of Zika outbreaks, personal use of mosquito repellants and clothing resistant to mosquito penetration, as well as avoidance of areas where Zika is prevalent. Such areas include several countries in the Caribbean, Central America, the South Pacific, South America, and Southeast Asia. In the United States, they include parts of Florida and Texas. By last August, 60 cases of Zika infection had been documented in Illinois.

Because infants are at greatest risk, pregnant women are advised to avoid areas of Zika outbreaks and to be tested for the disease (a blood test). A test is often necessary because the symptoms may be mild, such as fever, rash, joint pain and conjunctivitis (red eyes).

Our speaker, **Dr. Janak Koirala**, a specialist in infectious diseases at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, will explain further the nature of the disease and give us an update on medical advances and attempts to protect the public. He has published more than 30 articles and is principal investigator for clinical studies related to HIV, hepatitis C, antibiotics, infectious diseases, and bioterrorism.



Dr. Janak Koirala

The Zika Virus: Dangers and Responses

Dinner in U of I Springfield PAC Restaurant; Program in Brookens Auditorium

Reception 5:30 p.m.; Dinner 6:15 p.m.; Program 7:30 p.m.

The program is open to the public and is free. See below for dinner costs.

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MENU:

The menu is not available at this time. Please check our website, www.wacci.us, after January 12 for the menu.

SOUP:

ENTREE:

DESSERT:

Beverages

Reservations are required for dinner and must be prepaid and received by January 31st. There is no guarantee of seating beyond that date. For the *possibility* of late reservations, contact Michael Plog, 793-2509 or mbplog@comcast.net, to determine whether seating is available.

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