

Hospital Preparedness and Response for Emerging Infectious Diseases (Ebola/Zika/etc)



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Girish Bobby Kapur, M.D., M.P.H, is the Chief of Emergency Medicine at Jackson Memorial Hospital (JMH) in Miami, FL and was recruited in September 2015 to bring transformative changes in the delivery of high-quality acute patient care at one of the nation's busiest emergency centers. Dr. Kapur is launching an academic platform with his colleagues at JMH based on clinical excellence, innovative education, translational research, and public health outreach at the Jackson Health System and the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. In October 2015, the JMH Emergency Medicine residency program was accredited as the first Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Emergency Medicine residency program in South Florida.

Dr. Kapur is an internationally recognized emergency physician and public health expert who previously served as the Associate Chief for Academic Affairs and the Founding Residency Program Director in the Section of Emergency Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) and Associate professor of Medicine & Pediatrics from 2009-2015. Based on his international and academic accomplishments,

Dr. Kapur was appointed by the President of BCM as the Founding Director of the Center for Globalization at BCM from 2011-2013 to guide the College's global initiatives, and he worked with the BCM faculty, residents, and students to fulfill BCM's mission to be an international leader in academic medicine. In September 2014, Dr. Kapur led a six-person team that trained nearly 1,500 people in Ebola preparedness and response in Nigeria during the middle of the epidemic in the country. In February 2015, Dr. Kapur was a co-investigator on the USAID's *Fighting Ebola: A Grand Challenge* grant titled "Emergency Smart Pod."

Before his roles at BCM, Dr. Kapur directed global health training programs and international projects at the Ronald Reagan Institute for Emergency Medicine at George Washington University (GWU) from 2004-2009. At GWU, Dr. Kapur established multiple academic training programs and acute healthcare systems with partners in Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. In addition, Dr. Kapur implemented a countrywide project in Turkey that trained more than 2,000 physicians providing emergency care in Turkey's national hospitals.

Dr. Kapur received his Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature and Policy Studies from Rice University and his Medical Doctor degree from Baylor College of Medicine. He then completed his residency in Emergency Medicine from Yale School of Medicine followed by a fellowship in international emergency medicine and global health from Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard School of Medicine. He also completed his Master in Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health.

Dr. Kapur has published multiple peer-reviewed papers and is the senior editor for the first textbook in the field of Emergency Public Health titled *Emergency Public Health: Preparedness and Response*. Dr. Kapur has served as the Chair of the International Committee for both the American College of Emergency Physicians and the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine. In June 2012, Dr. Kapur was awarded the Order of the International Federation of Emergency Medicine for his contributions to global health and emergency medicine, an honor given to only two US emergency physicians every two years.

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