How can we ensure equitable access to COVID-19 treatment?

TUESDAY, JUNE 2 • 2–3 P.M. ET (ZOOM)

The COVID-19 pandemic — and our response to this disease — have underscored deep, persistent societal inequities. The Emergency Preparedness, Ethics and Equity Series will explore how we can continue to foster inclusive excellence and health equity during the most turbulent of times. Speakers will explore ways to consistently apply culturally relevant, ethical and equitable decision-making so that the most vulnerable among us are not left further disenfranchised post-COVID-19.

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PANELIST

Ralph S. Baric, PhD
William R. Kenan, Jr. Distinguished Professor, Epidemiology
Professor, Microbiology and Immunology
UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health

Dr. Ralph Baric has spent the past three decades as a world leader in the study of coronaviruses, warning that emerging coronaviruses represent a significant and ongoing global health threat. His team in the Baric Lab has been working to accelerate the development of a promising new drug, remdesivir, which has been shown to inhibit multiple coronaviruses. In collaboration with industry partner Gilead Sciences Inc., this drug is currently in clinical trials to reverse COVID-19 disease in humans.

PANELIST

Kizzmekia S. Corbett, PhD
Sr. Research Fellow and Scientific Lead
Coronavirus Vaccines & Immunopathogenesis Team
Vaccine Research Center, NIAID, NIH

Dr. Kizzmekia S. Corbett is the scientific lead for the Coronavirus Vaccines and Immunopathogenesis Team at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases’ Vaccine Research Center. Her team develops novel coronavirus vaccines, including mRNA-1273, a candidate vaccine against the virus that causes COVID-19. In partnership with Moderna, Inc., this potential vaccine is now in Phase 1 clinical trial. Dr. Corbett earned her doctoral degree in microbiology and immunology from UNC-Chapel Hill.

OPENING REMARKS

Barbara K. Rimer, DrPH
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