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Session Type: Lunch Symposium

Date: Friday, 5 June 2026

Duration: 45 minutes

Session Title:

From Risk to Protection: Real-World Perspectives on Mosquito-Borne Diseases;
Promotional session.

Session Description:

This lunch symposium will provide practical, case-informed perspectives on mosquito-borne disease risk assessment and prevention in travel medicine. The first segment will review recent outbreak patterns and evolving risk dynamics, traveller profiles encountered in clinical practice, and evidence-informed vaccination consideration for eligible travellers. The second segment will highlight the potentially severe neurological consequences associated with certain mosquito-borne infections and the under-recognized risk for individual travellers and families in endemic regions, where exposure can be difficult to predict.

Faculty will provide real-world perspectives on how vectors and local hosts/amplifiers shape transmission dynamics and seasonality—factors that are not always visible at the point of care—and translate these considerations into practical prevention strategies, including vaccination. The session will conclude with a moderated Q&A focused on real-world implementation in travel-health practice.

Agenda and faculty:

Moderator (2 minutes)

Brief introduction. **Dr. George Kassianos**, GP; National Immunisation Lead, Royal College of General Practitioners; President & Fellow, British Global & Travel Health Association, UK:

First Segment (20 minutes)

Epidemiology, traveller profiles, prevention considerations and benefit–risk counselling. **Dr Charlotte E. B. Saretzki**, r. med., Clinician/Researcher (Switzerland):

Second Segment (15 minutes)

Impact, under-recognized traveller risk, prevention discussions for travel to endemic regions

Professor Derek Evans, Independent Travel Medicine Specialist; Vice-Dean, Faculty of Travel Medicine (RCPSG); Fellow, International Society of Travel Medicine (ISTM), UK:

Moderated Q&A (8 minutes)

Audience Q&A facilitated by the Moderator, focused on practical application and traveller counselling.

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