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Ebola: One perspective on treating this emerging disease from the field

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The Ebola epidemic in West Africa from 2014 to 2015 was the largest ever recorded in history, responsible for the deaths of 11,314 patients across Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Guinea. I had the opportunity to work in an Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) in Port Loko, Sierra Leone during 2015. At that time, Port Loko was the district with the highest incidence of new Ebola infections worldwide. I will discuss the staffing structure of our ETU using teams of Sierra Leonean nationals employed by their government alongside expatriates, our treatment protocols in the ETU, and two cases of patients

who were treated at our ETU.

Speaker Biography

Asa Oxner Myers has completed her MD in 2011 from the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine (USF) and her residency in Internal Medicine at Harvard Medical School's Teaching Hospital Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. She is the Assistant Division Director of the Division of General Internal Medicine at USF and the Chairman of the Primary Care Quality and Patient-Centered Medical Home Committee. She has an interest in global health and has worked in Botswana, South Africa, Sierra Leone, Colombia, Dominican Republic, and Thailand as well as leading Medical students through research projects in up to 15 different countries annually.

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