

**UPDATE ON BACTERIAL MENINGITIS:  
DIAGNOSIS, SURVEILLANCE, AND TREATMENT**  
*August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (10am – 1:30pm CST / 12 – 3:30pm EST)*

**AGENDA | Module 2 Diagnosis of Bacterial Meningitis**

TIME	PRESENTATION	SPEAKER/PANELIST
10:00 – 10:10	Welcoming remarks	PAHO
I. Clinical focus: Clinical presentation, risk factors, diagnosis and treatment of meningococcal disease   Moderator: René Santos, SE-COMISCA		
10:10 – 10:30	When to suspect meningococcal disease. Diagnosis of meningitis, sepsis, septic shock.	Mónica Pujadas, Consultant, PAHO
10:30 – 10:35	Questions and Answers	
10:35 – 10:55	Risk factors in meningococcal disease/Complementary tests, cerebrospinal fluid analysis.	Mónica Pujadas, Consultant, PAHO
10:55 – 11:00	Questions and Answers	
11:00 – 11:25	Evaluation and management of the patient with meningococcal disease.	Andrés Alarcón, Consultant, PAHO
11:25– 11:30	Questions and Answers	
11:30 – 12:00	Case study: Experience of detection and response to outbreaks of <i>N. meningitidis</i> W135 in Chile, 2012.	Pamela Araya and Pedro Alarcón, ISP Chile  Moderator: Juan Carlos Hormazabal, ISP Chile
II. Laboratory focus: Laboratory diagnostics   Moderator: Juan Carlos Hormazabal, ISP Chile		
12:00 – 12:25	Collection, storage and transport of CSF and blood specimens in meningitis	Carolina Duarte, INS Colombia, Reference Laboratory SIREVA



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12:25 – 12:30	Questions and Answers	
12:30 – 12:55	Initial CSF cytologic/serologic diagnosis and culture. Preliminary reports	Grisel Rodríguez, Consultant, PAHO and Dr. Mariel Rován, MUCAM, Uruguay
12:55 – 1:00	Questions and Answers	
1:00 – 1:25	Laboratory procedures for the characterization of the most frequent pathogens in meningitis, rapid diagnosis	Olga Sanabria, INS Colombia
1:25 – 1:30	Questions and answers and closing of the day	



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