

Doherty Seminar Series

Dr Charles Alpren, CDC, Sierra Leone

"Semen and tears: testing and counselling for viral persistence in Ebola survivors in Sierra Leone"



Prior to the 2014-15 West African Ebola outbreak, it was known that Ebola virus could persist in the semen of male survivors for up to three months. Since then however, viral persistence in semen has been recorded for much longer periods of time. In his presentation, Dr Charles Alpren will discuss the research and programmatic approaches taken to address viral persistence and the possibility of sexual transmission of Ebola in Sierra Leone.

Charles is the Survivor and Transition Lead for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Sierra Leone, providing technical advice for the care of Ebola survivors and assisting with emergency and outbreak response planning following the 2014-15 Ebola outbreak. He was Response Lead for the CDC during the small Ebola outbreak in January, 2016. He has worked in Sierra Leone for two years, arriving in late 2014 to work as a doctor in the Ebola Treatment Centre run by Aspen Medical on behalf of the Australian government, and then returning to coordinate case management with the World Health Organization before moving to the CDC in October, 2015. He is a GP by training, with particular interests in vaccination and teaching, but left his practice in 2014 to study public health approximately two weeks before the Ebola outbreak.

Thursday, 16 February 2017

Auditorium

12.00 - 1.00pm

The Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity
792 Elizabeth St
Melbourne