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TRAVEL HEALTH FROM A – Z (ALTITUDE TO ZIKA)

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What do travelers need to worry about during vacations, business trips and other global adventures? From altitude illness to headline news makers such as Zika, an overview (and some perspective!) will be presented. The general health risks of travel will be discussed, highlighting emerging diseases and some age old illnesses. The essential elements of travel health preparation, including routine and travel vaccinations, will be reviewed.

Course Objectives:

- List several important travel health risks
- Describe the possible impact of travel on infectious/emerging diseases
- Highlight key risk reduction measures

Ms. Rebecca Wolfe Acosta is a recognized expert in the area of travel health care. She is the co-founder (1995) and Executive Director of Traveler's Medical Service (TMS) of New York, a comprehensive travel medicine practice. She has provided pre-travel health services to thousands of travelers of all ages. Ms. Wolfe serves as a consultant to major corporations and international organizations on travel health issues and managing the health risks of travel. She maintains an active role in the International Society of Travel Medicine (ISTM) where she has chaired committees, assisted with organizing international conferences and been an invited speaker. Ms. Wolfe has also served as a consultant to the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as a contributing author to Health Information for International Travel "The Yellow Book" and assisted with the review of a national health care provider course on yellow fever disease and vaccination. She has lived and volunteered in the developing world and continues to travel with her family.

Ms. Wolfe graduated from the University of Rochester, School of Nursing with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). She received a Master in Public Health (MPH) from the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health with concentrations in international health and health communication.
