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**THE CHANGING PATTERNS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES  
IN SOUTH ASIA: A PERSONAL JOURNEY**



**SPEAKER**

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Dr. Richard A Cash is an infectious disease public health physician, internist. He received his MD from New York University and MPH from Johns Hopkins University. In 2006, together with David Nalin and Dilip Mahalanobis he won the Prince Mahidol Award, Thailand, one of the most prestigious awards for achievements in medicine and public health worldwide. He is a Senior Lecturer in International Health and Director of the Program on Ethical Issues in International Health in the Dept. of Global Health and Population at the Harvard School of Public Health. He is currently a visiting faculty member at the Public Health Foundation of India and at the James P. Grant School of Public Health of BRAC University in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Dr. Cash began his international career over 40 years ago when he was assigned by NIAID of the National Institute for Health (USA) to the Pakistan-SEATO Cholera Research Laboratory (CRL) in Dhaka, East Pakistan (now the ICDDR-B, Bangladesh). In the early 1980s while in Bangladesh, he and his colleagues developed and conducted the first clinical trials of oral rehydration therapy (ORT) in adult and pediatric cholera patients and patients with other infectious causes of diarrhea. This technology matches the volume of fluid losses from dehydration patients with the volume they consume so that the fluid replacement packets greatly reduce or completely replace IV therapy (particularly where it is not feasible or unavailable), which was then the only current treatment for cholera. Dr. Cash was presented in 2011, among other recognitions throughout his career, with the James F. and Sarah T. Fries Foundation Prize for Improving Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (USA) for his leadership in the development and dissemination of ORT as a practical treatment for cholera and other diarrheal diseases that has saved the lives of at least 60 million children worldwide.



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