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Hello Team,

Some may think Ebola is old news, but not here at the University of Nebraska Medical Center/Nebraska Medicine. As most know, we were recently designated as one of three academic institutions to establish and co-lead the nation's National Ebola Training and Education Center (NETEC). This designation is a testament of our expertise in highly infectious diseases, as is our membership in the World Health Organization's (WHO) Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN).

During outbreaks, GOARN, a collaboration of institutions and experts, makes sure that the best technical expertise and skills are on the ground where and when they are needed most. When I returned from my deployment with GOARN in Sierra Leone in March of this year, I mentioned that we would continue to be called on to support outbreak responses and we must always be ready and willing to assist.

I will be deployed to Sierra Leone this weekend to spend several weeks in the field to address Ebola hotspots and to assist in the country's national research agenda. WHO is reviewing a proposal to deploy or employ additional faculty to help with the local response and data analytics.

This deployment will showcase UNMC's global leadership to our local and national community and will help identify new partnerships and opportunities for students, I look forward to providing our students with new vignettes in my emerging infections course this Fall.

You can follow my deployment efforts through my twitter account, @UNMC_DrKhan.
Always listening,
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