

Full Bio

Richard J. Hatchett, MD, is Chief Executive Officer of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, otherwise known as CEPI. CEPI is a partnership of public, private, philanthropic and civil organizations that supports the swift development and equitable access to new vaccines and other biologic countermeasures against epidemic and pandemic threats.

Launched in 2017, CEPI has more than 20 vaccine candidates in development against priority pathogens, including Lassa fever, MERS and Nipah. CEPI plays a central role in the global response to the emergence of the novel coronavirus, and has created the world's largest portfolio of COVID-19 vaccines – several of which are now saving lives around the world. CEPI also co-led COVAX, the sharing facility set up to deliver global equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines.

CEPI's five-year plan – called CEPI 2.0 - aims to systematically reduce the risk of future epidemics spawning pandemics through an innovative and access-focused programme of R&D. Central to this plan is the 100 Days Mission - an ambition, supported by the G7 and G20, to compress the timeline for the development of safe, effective, globally accessible vaccines to just 100 days. Achieving this would mean outbreaks of emerging pathogens with pandemic potential would be contained before they became global crises.

Dr. Hatchett was previously acting Director of the U.S. Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) and served as Director of Medical Preparedness Policy on the Homeland and National Security Councils under Presidents Bush and Obama. He was awarded a medical degree from Vanderbilt and completed clinical training in internal medicine and medical oncology at Cornell and Duke.

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Richard J. Hatchett, MD, is Chief Executive Officer of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, or CEPI – a global partnership that supports the swift development of and equitable access to new vaccines and other defenses against infectious diseases with epidemic and pandemic potential. Dr Hatchett's and CEPI's plan is for the world to neutralize those pandemic threats with prescient investment in scientific R&D.

Before taking on the CEPI leadership just after its launch in 2017, Dr Hatchett was Acting Director of the U.S. Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA). He has also served under two U.S. Presidents – George W. Bush and Barack Obama – as Director of Medical Preparedness Policy on the Homeland and National Security Councils.

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