



A Documentary Film

MINUTES

TO DIE

SNAKEBITE: THE WORLD'S IGNORED HEALTH CRISIS

SPECIAL SCREENING
& PANEL DISCUSSION

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

6:00pm

**Jack Morton Auditorium
The George Washington University
805 21st Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20052**

*Panel discussion featuring leading snakebite experts
and wine reception with hors d'oeuvres to follow.*

RSVP: snakebitedc.eventbrite.com

An estimated 138,000 lives are lost each year from snakebites, according to the World Health Organization, with three times more suffering from lifelong disfigurement, amputations and mental health issues. Snakebite has long been considered one of the world's most ignored global health issues.

In 2016, representatives of the Costa Rican government, including now Ambassador Fernando Llorca Castro, began leading a global movement to develop a strategy to tackle snakebite.

The outcome: The World Health Organization now officially classifies snakebite as a Neglected Tropical Disease and this past May, WHO launched an ambitious global roadmap to tackle the issue.

"Minutes to Die" is the first ever documentary bringing to light the daily plight of snakebite victims in India, Sub Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia. The film has played a vital role in galvanizing action to address the challenges.

CONFIRMED PANELISTS:

Ambassador Fernando Llorca Castro

The Embassy of Costa Rica
Washington DC

Dr. David Williams

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