Disease Transmission

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The Transportation Research Board of the National Academies of Sciences sponsored a meeting of technical experts in Washington DC on September 17 and 18, 2009 entitled "Research on the Transmission of Disease in Airports and on Aircraft: A Symposium." The symposium featured presentations on research related to the transmission of disease on aircraft and/or in airports and provided an opportunity to discuss ongoing work, share data, and identify research gaps. Two members of the AFA-CWA Air Safety, Health and Security Department staff, Director Chris Witkowski and OSHA Specialist Dinkar Mokadam, participated in the meeting and submitted written proposals for research into transmission of diseases on airplanes and in airports, via airborne and contact routes. Such research could yield significant benefits to flight attendants.

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