In March 2008, Dr. Jeffrey P. Koplan was appointed Vice President for Global Health at Emory University. He also serves as director of the Emory Global Health Institute, a position he has held since the Institute was established in 2006. Dr. Koplan previously was Vice President for Academic Health Affairs in Emory’s Woodruff Health Sciences Center, a position he held since joining Emory University in 2002.

From 1998 to 2002, Dr. Koplan served as the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Dr. Koplan began his public health career in the early 1970’s as one of the CDC’s celebrated “disease detectives,” more formally known as Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officers. Since then, he has worked on virtually every major public health issue, including infectious diseases such as smallpox and HIV/AIDS, environmental issues such as the Bhopal chemical disaster, and the health toll of tobacco and chronic diseases, both in the United States and around the globe.

About the UGA Obesity Initiative

The University of Georgia Obesity Initiative addresses the growing epidemic of adult and childhood obesity and its related diseases. UGA combines instruction and research activities with its public service and outreach components to develop obesity prevention and treatment programs that interested Georgia communities, employers and health care providers can implement to improve the health of Georgia’s citizens and decrease the cost of health care in the state.

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