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During 2006, Dr. Koppaka was assigned to the United Nations System Influenza Coordination Team charged with preparing the UN System for pandemic influenza. From 2003–2006, he was the Associate Director for Policy for the CDC, Division of Global Migration and Quarantine. From 1998–2003, he was assigned by CDC to the Commonwealth of Virginia, Division of Tuberculosis Control, where served as Director.

Dr. Koppaka was born in Montclair, NJ and grew up in Gainesville, Florida. He earned his BS in microbiology (High Honors), MD (High Honors), and PhD in Medical Sciences, all from the University of Florida. He served his residency in Internal Medicine and fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at Washington University in St. Louis. He is licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the States of Georgia and New York, and he is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Pulmonary Medicine. Dr. Koppaka is a Captain in the US Public Health Service.