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Kraft was one of the physician leaders in the effort at Emory Hospital to receive and care for patients who had contracted Ebola virus disease in West Africa. Since December 2013, the largest outbreak of Ebola virus disease took place, and healthcare workers were particularly vulnerable to acquisition of this viral infection. Emory University Hospital has had a Serious Communicable Diseases unit since 2001, and she has been a part of the semi-annual drills since 2010. Emory received the first patient on August 2, 2014, with 3 subsequent patients being cared for in the highly specialized unit. Based on the team's clinical observations, the group published numerous papers regarding the clinical care of patients with Ebola virus disease.