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Dr. Morens has studied the epidemiology of viral hemorrhagic fevers, viral pathogenesis, and the integration and role of epidemiology in biomedical science and research. His career interest for over 30 years has been on emerging infectious diseases and on diseases of unknown etiology. In the past decade he has published and spoken on numerous aspects of the history of epidemiology and infectious diseases.