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Biography:

Dr. Mary Echols received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) from the University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine in 1984. She subsequently earned a Master of Public Health (MPH) from Florida International University in 2000. She is also certified as a Registered Environmental Health Professional.

Dr. Echols is an Environmental Consultant at the Florida Department of Health's Palm Beach County Health Department in West Palm Beach, Florida. She serves as the county health department's Rabies & Arbovirus Program Coordinator and as an advisor on zoonotic diseases and related emergency preparedness issues. Previously, Dr. Echols was Environmental Specialist with the Miami-Dade County Health Department in Miami, Florida.

Dr. Echols spearheaded the creation of the Florida Department of Health's quarterly *One Health Newsletter*: http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Environment/community/One_Health/OneHealth.html and has served as the Editor since its inception over a year ago. She has been instrumental in guiding the progress and expansion of the Newsletter by helping to attain many prominent authors and co-authors from the fields of public health, medicine, veterinary medicine and other health related scientists. Dr. Echols and her entire Editorial Board work in close liaison with the One Health team of two physicians and a veterinarian who collaboratively manage the One Health Initiative website <http://www.onehealthinitiative.com/>.

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