Dr. J. Glenn Morris assumed the position of Director of the Emerging Pathogen Institute (EPI) at the University of Florida in August 2007. He was recruited from the University of Maryland, Baltimore, where he was a professor and chairman of the Department of Epidemiology and Preventive medicine in their School of Medicine, as well as an interim dean of their School of Public Health. In addition to his position as EPI Director, Dr. Morris is a professor of infectious diseases in the UF College of Medicine. Under his leadership, EPI has over 200 affiliated faculty members, from 11 different UF Colleges. EPI investigators have funding from a wide range of sources, including NIH, NSF, CDC, FDA, USDA, USAID, and the Gates Foundation, with collaborative projects in over 30 countries. Studies range from very basic work on evolutionary genetics through use of real-world data and bioinformatics to develop predictive mathematical models for disease transmission within populations, and implementation of community-based studies.

Dr. Morris has a long history of work with foodborne diseases and foodborne pathogens, beginning as a CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer. He served for three years in USDA/FSIS as Director of the Epidemiology and Emergency Response Office (the precursor to the current Office of Public Health and Science), where he was instrumental in the development of the Pathogen Reduction – HAACP Systems Final Rule. He served from 2005-2011 as a member of the Food and Nutrition Board of the IOM/NAS, and, most recently, was Director of the UF component of CDC's regional Center of Excellence in Foodborne Illness.