2025 Medical Leadership in Disaster Preparedness and Response Virtual Conference – Day One (October 28, 2025)

Time	Session Title	Description	Speakers/Panelists
12:30-12:45 PM ET	**Introductory Remarks**		**John Knox**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) **L. Anthony Cirillo,** MD, FACEP, President, American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) **Rachel Lehman**, Acting Director, ASPR Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE) (Conference Master of Ceremonies)
12:45-1:15 PM ET	**Leading Through Disaster**	An expert in preparedness leadership will use a meta-leadership model to describe how attendees' awareness of their own strengths and weaknesses combined with a commitment to building strong relationships can help them navigate through crises. Attendees will be introduced to a free, scenario-based tool to help them think through potential leadership challenges.	**Eric McNulty**, MA, Associate Director, National Preparedness Leadership Initiative (NPLI), Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
1:15-1:30 PM ET	**Update on Disaster Medicine as a Subspecialty**	The American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) is engaged in a multi-year effort to explore certification in disaster medicine as a subspecialty. A leader in this effort will update attendees on progress toward this goal.	**Bryan Wexler**, MD, MPH, CHPCP, CHEC-III, FAAEM, FACEP, Medical Director, Disaster Preparedness and Response, WellSpan Health and Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, Drexel University College of Medicine
1:30-1:45 PM ET	**Break**		
1:45-2:30 PM ET	**Responding to the CrowdStrike Failure Event: Assuring Readiness for the Inevitable Failure of Complex Systems**	The speakers will present a case study on how a health system responded to and recovered from a cyber incident resulting in downtime. Topics will include lessons learned on maintaining operations and protecting patient safety when usual systems cannot be relied upon.	**Paul Biddinger**, MD, FACEP, Chief Preparedness and Continuity Officer, Mass General Brigham (MGB) and Chief, MGB Division of Emergency Preparedness **Adam Landman**, MD, FACEP, Chief Digital Information Officer and Senior Vice President (SVP), Brown University Health and Member of the Faculty (appointment in process), Department of Emergency Medicine, Warren Alpert Medical School, Brown University

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2:30-3:00 PM ET	**Tools and Resources to Prepare for Healthcare Surge**	Healthcare facilities and providers can be overwhelmed by patient surges from incidents ranging from seasonal illness outbreaks to mass shootings. The speaker will highlight recently developed tools, templates, and other resources to help healthcare providers and facilities prepare for and respond to patient surges.	**John Hick**, MD, Hennepin Healthcare and Senior Editor, ASPR TRACIE
3:00-3:15 PM ET	**Break**		
3:15-4:00 PM ET	**Lessons Learned from NDMS's Experience Supporting Monoclonal Antibody Infusion**	The National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) established a process and developed training on how to set up and manage monoclonal antibody infusion sites for COVID-19 patients. Monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) have also been developed as medical countermeasures for other biological threats, including obiltoxaximab (Anthim) and raxibacumab (ABthrax) for anthrax. NDMS members will share lessons learned from their experience and how they may be applied to future emergencies that include expansion of outpatient spaces for the administration of mAbs as a component of the response.	**Edward (Ted) Kennedy**, EdD, Senior Emergency Management Specialist, NDMS, Center for Response, ASPR **Lynn Hayes**, BSN, RN, CCRN, EMT-P, CT-1 DMAT Team Commander, NDMS, Center for Response, ASPR **George (Mark) Thorp**, RN, EMT-P, Team Commander, Midwest – 1 DMAT, NDMS, Center for Response, ASPR **John Hick**, MD, Hennepin Healthcare and Senior Editor, ASPR TRACIE
4:00-4:45 PM ET	**Planning for Large-Scale Combat Operations**	Large-scale combat operations (LSCO) could result in the need to care for a high volume of casualties in civilian hospitals. During this session, speakers will provide an overview of the operational challenges of this scenario; regional approaches to reception, distribution, and care of the wounded; and lessons learned from ongoing pilot programs.	**Eric Goralnick,** MD, MS, Director, Military and Veterans Initiatives, MGB **Jeffrey Freeman**, PhD, MPH, Director and Special Assistant to the President, National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences **Charles Little**, DO, Medical Director of Emergency Preparedness, University of Colorado Hospital; Medical Director, Mountain Plains Regional Disaster Health Response System; and Chief Medical Officer, Disaster Medical Assistance Team CO-2
4:45-5:00 PM ET	**Day One Wrap up**		

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5:00-5:30 PM ET	***Optional "Ask the Expert" Breakout Sessions***	Community Engagement	**Eric Goralnick**, MD, MS, Director, Military and Veterans Initiatives, MGB
		Crisis Standards of Care	**John Hick**, MD, Hennepin Healthcare and Senior Editor, ASPR TRACIE
		Pediatric Considerations	**Sarita Chung**, MD, Senior Associate Physician in Pediatrics, Division of Emergency Medicine, Boston Children's Hospital **Christopher Newton**, MD, MACS, FAAP, Professor, UCSF Department of Surgery; Department of Surgery Chair, UCSF-Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland; Principal Investigator, Western Regional Alliance for Pediatric Emergency Management (WRAPEM); and Co-Principal Investigator, Pediatric Pandemic Network (PPN)
		Regional Coordination	**Paul Biddinger**, MD, FACEP, Chief Preparedness Officer and Continuity Officer, MGB and Chief, MGB Division of Emergency Preparedness **David Zonies**, MD, MPH, MBA, Chief Medical Officer, Harborview Medical Center, UW Medicine; Associate Dean, UW School of Medicine; and Professor, UW Department of Surgery

2025 Medical Leadership in Disaster Preparedness and Response Virtual Conference – Day Two (October 29, 2025)

Time	Session Title	Description	Speakers
12:30-12:45 PM ET	**Day Two Introduction**		**Brian Mazanec**, PhD, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Center for Preparedness, Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) **Sandy Schneider**, MD, FACEP, Interim Executive Director, American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) **Rachel Lehman**, Acting Director, ASPR Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE) (Conference Master of Ceremonies)
12:45-1:30 PM ET	**Patient Care during Disasters: What to do When Standards Don't Exist**	Leaders often face challenges developing and implementing best practices during dynamic disaster situations in the context of scarce resources and evolving knowledge and experience. These challenges also occur in non-disaster situations, such as during product shortages and seasonal patient surges. A panel of healthcare and public health practitioners will offer insights on how they navigated decision-making in a variety of situations to implement standards for the benefit of patients and other stakeholders.	***Moderator:*** **Bryan Wexler**, MD, MPH, CHPCP, CHEC-III, FAAEM, FACEP, Medical Director, Disaster Preparedness and Response, WellSpan Health and Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, Drexel University College of Medicine ***Panelists:*** **Carol Cunningham**, MD, FAAEM, FAEMS, State Medical Director, Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS and Professor of Emergency Medicine, Northeast Ohio Medical University **Shannon Manzi**, PharmD, BCPPS, CHPHRM, PPA, Director, Safety and Quality, Department of Pharmacy, Boston Children's Hospital; Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School; and Lead Pharmacist, Massachusetts-1 DMAT **Anuj Mehta**, MD, MS, Chair, Medical Advisory Panel, Mountain Plains Regional Disaster Health Response System; Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Colorado School of Medicine; and Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician, Denver Health and Hospital Authority

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1:30-1:45 PM ET	**Break**		
1:45-2:30 PM ET	**Protecting the Well-Being of Disaster Responders**	Healthcare and public health workers face significant stressors when responding to a range of disasters and emergencies. Despite lessons learned from disasters about how humans tend to react to these situations and evidence about which strategies are most helpful to support them, many of those responding to emergencies report feeling unprepared for the aftermath of that experience due to insufficient routine staff support, cultural and societal barriers to sharing response experiences, and implementation of well-meaning but ineffective solutions. Panelists will discuss how to recognize and respond to the effects of acute stress and strategies for building healthy work environments that support overall staff resilience, both day-to-day and during disasters.	***Moderator:*** **Romeo Fairley**, MD, MPH, FACEP, Associate Professor, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Center and Chair, Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee, ACEP ***Panelists:*** **Kiersten Henry**, DNP, ACNP-BC, CCNS, CCRN-CMC, Chief Advanced Practice Provider, Critical Care Nurse Practitioner, MedStar Montgomery Medical Center; Nurse Practitioner, MD-1 DMAT; and Regional Coach and Mentor, American Association of Critical Care Nurses National Healthy Work Environments Collaborative **Richard Kamin**, MD, FACEP, FAEMS, Medical Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services, Health, Quality, and Safety, Connecticut Department of Public Health and EMS Program Director and Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Connecticut Health Center **Michael Redlener**, MD, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai; Co-Director, Mount Sinai Center for Healthcare Readiness; and Division Director for EMS and Disaster Preparedness and Medical Director of the Mount Sinai West Emergency Department **Jonathan Ripp**, MD, MPH, Dean for Well-Being and Resilience and Chief Wellness Officer, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
2:30-3:00 PM ET	**The Shifting Legal Landscape for Disaster Healthcare and Liabilities**	A national expert in disaster legal issues will provide an overview of key issues affecting disaster liability.	**James G. Hodge**, Jr., JD, LLM, Peter Kiewit Foundation Professor of Law and Director, ASU Center for Public Health Law and Policy
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3:15-4:00 PM ET	**Using Data to Drive Decisions**	There is often a gap between data collected during disasters and its application to the response or future improvement activities. Speakers will share how they used data collected during previous emergencies to address questions and challenges, including using electronic health records to inform vaccination planning and exploring the effects of hospital strain on patient outcomes.	***Moderator:*** **Jeffrey Dichter**, MD, Professor of Medicine, University of Minnesota and Chairperson, Scientific Advisory Team, Minnesota Department of Health ***Panelists:*** **Paul Drawz**, MD, MHS, MS, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Minnesota and Minnesota EHR Consortium **Sameer Kadri**, MD, MS, Head, Clinical Epidemiology Section and Tenure Track Investigator, Critical Care Medicine Department, National Institutes of Health Clinical Center
4:00-4:45 PM ET	**Lessons Learned from the New Orleans New Year's Vehicular Attack**	Mass casualty incidents caused by an assailant deliberately driving a vehicle into a crowd require interdisciplinary planning and response. Speakers will share lessons learned from the January 1, 2025, vehicle ramming in New Orleans that killed 14 and injured dozens more. They will discuss the challenges for emergency medical services (EMS) personnel on scene, coordination between EMS and hospitals, and the unique injury patterns healthcare responders should expect from this type of scenario.	***Panelists:*** **Jeffrey Elder**, MD, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Section of Emergency Medicine, Louisiana State University (LSU) Health Sciences Center; Co-Director, Division of EMS and Disaster Medicine; and Medical Director for Emergency Management, University Medical Center and LCMC Health **Meg Marino**, MD, FAAP, FACEP, Director and Medical Director, New Orleans EMS; Medical Director, New Orleans Fire Department; and Medical Director, Orleans Parish Communication District
4:45-5:00 PM ET	**Closing Remarks**	This closing session will recap some of the key learnings and feedback from the virtual conference as well as future plans for the conference.	**Rachel Lehman**, Acting Director, ASPR TRACIE (Conference Master of Ceremonies)