

ASPR TRACIE- ACEP Webinar

Protecting the Well-Being of Disaster Responders

Brief Speaker Biographies
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Welcome

Rachel Lehman

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Rachel Lehman is the Acting Director of the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response's (ASPR) Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE) Program. ASPR TRACIE is a healthcare emergency preparedness information gateway that serves the informational and technical assistance needs of those working in disaster medicine and health care preparedness. In her role as Acting Director, she oversees the day-to-day operations, provides guidance on emerging issues and gaps/challenges, and acts as a liaison for the program. Rachel was previously an analyst in ASPR's Office of Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection where she held multiple roles including leading communications, helping manage the Healthcare and Public Health Sector Partnership, and working on all-hazards risk assessment for healthcare facilities. Prior to joining ASPR, she supported the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development working on chemical risk assessment.

Moderator

Romeo Fairley, MD, MPH, FACEP

Associate Professor, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Center; Chair, Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee, ACEP

Dr. Romeo Fairley is a board-certified emergency medicine physician employed as an associate professor at University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Center. He completed medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas. After

completion of an Emergency Medicine residency program in Austin, Texas; he moved to Orange County, California for a Disaster Medicine fellowship at UC Irvine. He also has a Master's in Public Health with a focus on Public Health Administration from the University of South Florida. Currently, he serves as chair of the Disaster Preparedness and Response committee for the American College of Emergency Physicians as well as many local and regional emergency preparedness committees.

Panelists

Kiersten Henry, DNP, ACNP-BC, CCNS, CCRN-CMC

Strategic Advocacy Specialist, American Association of Critical-Care Nurses; Critical Care Nurse Practitioner, MedStar Montgomery Medical Center; Nurse Practitioner, Maryland-1 (MD-1) DMAT

Dr. Kiersten Henry is a Strategic Advocacy Specialist with the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses focusing on Healthy Work Environments, nurse staffing, and advanced practice nursing. She practices clinically as a Critical Care Nurse Practitioner at MedStar Montgomery Medical Center and on the Maryland-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Acute Care Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist in Trauma, Critical Care and Emergency Nursing, and Doctor of Nursing Practice at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. Her disaster deployments include natural disaster responses to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, Florence, Laura, and Ian, COVID-19 hospital decompression in Anchorage, Alaska, and local deployments to HHS for responder monitoring during the COVID-19 response and subject matter expertise for the COVID-19 Therapeutics effort. She served as a member of the National Nurse Staffing Think Tank and Nurse Advisor to the National Nurse Staffing Task Force. As a member of the National Task Force for Mass Critical Care, she has co-authored on topics including staffing and resilience during the COVID-19 surge. Dr. Henry has a special interest in the role of healthy work environments across disciplines in the support of team well-being.

Richard Kamin, MD, FACEP, FAEMS

Medical Director, Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH), Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS); Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, UConn School of Medicine

Dr. Kamin is an actively practicing emergency physician and a Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Connecticut Health Center where he is the EMS Program Director. Rich also serves as the Medical Director for the Connecticut DPH OEMS. He

received both his Bachelor of Science and medical degree from the University of Washington and subsequently completed a residency in Emergency Medicine and EMS Fellowship at the University of Connecticut. Rich is proud to be a part of the second group of physicians to obtain board certification in EMS. Dr. Kamin is the immediate past chair of the Committee for Tactical Emergency Casualty Care after having served as a Guidelines Committee and Board of Directors member. He is an active member of the NASEMSO Medical Directors Council. He serves as the Immediate Past Chair of the NASEMSO Medical Director's Council and is a Co-Principal Investigator on the NASEMSO National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines Project. Rich is the Past-Chair for the ACEP Tactical EMS Section and was a participant with the original National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 3000 effort. Rich is actively involved in teaching medical students, residents, pre-hospital providers, law enforcement officers and other physicians. He has the privilege of providing medical support for multiple law enforcement teams in Connecticut.

Mitchell Radin, PsyD, LP

Psychology Manager and Clinical Director, Critical Incident Support Team, Hennepin Healthcare

Dr. Mitchell Radin is a clinical psychologist with 29 years of experience specializing in trauma, crisis response, and the psychological impact of high-intensity work environments. He currently serves as Psychology Manager at Hennepin Healthcare, where he leads the Adult Psychology Consultation Service and directs the Critical Incident Support Team, a hospital-wide resource that supports medical professionals after distressing events and the cumulative toll of frontline care.

In his current role, Dr. Radin works closely with physicians, nurses, and interdisciplinary teams to address the emotional and psychological demands of medical practice. His work focuses on helping providers navigate the stress, moral complexity, and emotional labor inherent in healthcare, while fostering sustainable practices for empathy, emotional regulation, and professional well-being.

Dr. Radin speaks regularly at healthcare and disaster-medicine conferences on workforce well-being and institutional readiness — the infrastructure needed to sustain a workforce through and beyond acute crises. He has also contributed to distress-management efforts internationally, including work in Kenya and Haiti with Humaniterra, and continues to develop this work with the goal of bringing it to healthcare systems more broadly.

Michael Redlener, MD

Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Deputy Medical Director, The Fire Department of the City of New York

Dr. Redlener is an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and the former Co-Director of the Mount Sinai Center for Healthcare Readiness and Division Director of EMS and Disaster Preparedness where he worked closely with Mount Sinai Health System leadership to navigate the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic in New York City. He currently serves as Deputy Medical Director for FDNY in the Office of Medical Affairs, providing medical oversight to the largest prehospital system in the United States. Dr. Redlener has dedicated his career to improving the quality of systems of care for time-sensitive medical emergencies and healthcare operations during public health emergencies/disasters. He earned his medical degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, New York. He completed his residency in Emergency Medicine at New York University/Bellevue Hospital and a fellowship in Prehospital and EMS Medicine with the New York City Fire Department. He is double-board certified in Emergency Medicine and EMS Medicine.