

## 2026 Medical Leadership in Disaster Preparedness and Response Virtual Conference – May 11, 2026

| Time              | Session Title                                                                                                        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Speakers/Panelists                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| 12:00-12:15 PM ET | Introductory Remarks                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>Brian Mazanec</b>, PhD, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Director, Center for Preparedness, ASPR</p> <p><b>Ryan A. Stanton</b>, MD, FACEP, President-Elect, American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)</p> <p><b>Rachel Lehman</b>, Acting Director, ASPR Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE) (Conference Master of Ceremonies), ASPR</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 12:15-1:15 PM ET  | <b>Responding to the CrowdStrike Failure Event: Assuring Readiness for the Inevitable Failure of Complex Systems</b> | 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b>Paul Biddinger</b>, MD, FACEP, Chief Preparedness and Continuity Officer, Mass General Brigham (MGB) and Chief, MGB Division of Emergency Preparedness</p> <p><b>Adam Landman</b>, MD, FACEP, Chief Digital Information Officer and Senior Vice President, Brown University Health and Member of the Faculty, Department of Emergency Medicine, Warren Alpert Medical School, Brown University</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1:15-1:25 PM ET   | Break                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1:25-2:25 PM ET   | <b>Patient Care during Disasters: What to do When Standards Don't Exist</b>                                          | 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 health care 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. | <p><b>Moderator:</b><br/><b>Bryan Wexler</b>, MD, MPH, CHPCP, CHEC-III, Medical Director, Disaster Preparedness and Response, WellSpan Health; Director, Division of Disaster Medicine and Emergency Management, Department of Emergency Medicine, WellSpan, York Hospital; and Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, Drexel University College of Medicine</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b><br/><b>John Hick</b>, MD, Hennepin Healthcare and Senior Editor, ASPR TRACIE</p> <p><b>Shannon Manzi</b>, PharmD, BCPPS, CHPHRM, FPPA, Director, Safety and Quality, Department of Pharmacy, Boston Children's Hospital; Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard</p> |

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| 2:25-2:45 PM ET | Update on Disaster Medicine as a Subspecialty                                     | In February, the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) approved Disaster Medicine as a new subspecialty. Establishment of this certification will help ensure that communities have improved access to physicians with advanced knowledge and skills across all phases of disaster care. A leader in this effort will update attendees on next steps now that the subspecialty has been established. | <b>Bryan Wexler</b> , MD, MPH, CHPCP, CHEC-III, Medical Director, Disaster Preparedness and Response, WellSpan Health; Director, Division of Disaster Medicine and Emergency Management, Department of Emergency Medicine, WellSpan, York Hospital; and Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, Drexel University College of Medicine                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2:45-2:55 PM ET | Break                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2:55-3:55 PM ET | From Data to Action: Closing the Loop Between Disaster Data and Real-World Impact | 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 and other data streams in decision-making and exploring the effects of hospital strain on patient outcomes.  | <p><b>Moderator:</b><br/><b>Angela Cornelius</b>, MD, MA, FACEP, FAEMS, Associate System Medical Director, Fort Worth Office of the Medical Director; Program Director, EMS Fellowship, Baylor Scott and White All Saints Medical Center; Core Faculty, John Peter Smith Hospital Fort Worth Emergency Medicine Residency, Associate Professor, Emergency Medicine, TCU School of Medicine; and Associate Professor, LSU-Shreveport Emergency Medicine Residency</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b><br/><b>Christian Dameff</b>, MD, MS, Associate Professor, Departments of Emergency Medicine, Biomedical Informatics, and Computer Science, University of California, San Diego; Co-Director, UC San Diego Center for Healthcare Cybersecurity; and Medical Director of Cybersecurity, UC San Diego Health</p> |

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|                        |                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Sameer Kadri</b> , MD, MS, Intensivist and Head, Clinical Epidemiology Section, Critical Care Medicine Department, National Institutes of Health Clinical Center                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>3:55-4:15 PM ET</b> | <b>Tools and Resources to Prepare for Health Care Surge</b> | Health care 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 health care providers and facilities prepare for and respond to patient surges. | <b>John Hick</b> , MD, Hennepin Healthcare and Senior Editor, ASPR TRACIE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>4:15-4:30 PM ET</b> | <b>Closing Remarks</b>                                      | This closing session will recap some of the key learnings and feedback from the virtual conference as well as future plans for the conference.                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p><b>Romeo Fairley</b>, MD, MPH, Associate Professor, University of Colorado Anschutz; Chair, Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee, ACEP; and Member, Board of Directors, World Association of Disaster and Emergency Medicine</p> <p><b>Brian Mazanec</b>, PhD, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Director, Center for Preparedness, ASPR</p> <p><b>Rachel Lehman</b>, Acting Director, ASPR TRACIE (Conference Master of Ceremonies), ASPR</p> |