

# ASPR TRACIE Webinar

## Crisis Standards of Care: Insights from COVID-19 and Pharmaceutical Supply Challenges

### Brief Speaker Biographies

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#### Welcome

##### **Rachel Lehman**

Acting Director, Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR)

Rachel Lehman is the Acting System Owner and Director for ASPR TRACIE. She previously served as an analyst in ASPR's Division of Critical Infrastructure Protection where she led communications, helped manage the Healthcare and Public Health Sector Partnership, and worked on all-hazards risk assessment for the healthcare sector. Prior to joining ASPR, she supported the U.S. Environmental Protection Agencies Office of Research and Development working on chemical risk assessment.

#### Moderator

##### **John Hick, MD**

Hennepin Healthcare and ASPR TRACIE

Dr. Hick is a faculty emergency physician at Hennepin Healthcare and a Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Minnesota Medical School. He serves as the Associate Medical Director for Hennepin County Emergency Medical Services and Medical Director for Emergency Preparedness at Hennepin Healthcare. He served the Minnesota Department of Health as the Medical Director for the Office of Emergency Preparedness from 2002-2014. He currently serves as the Senior Editor for ASPR's Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange. He is an expert on hospital preparedness and crisis medical care issues and has published over fifty peer-reviewed papers dealing with hospital preparedness for contaminated casualties, disaster standards of care, and surge capacity.

## Panelists

### **Jeffrey Dichter, MD**

Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Minnesota; Chairperson, Minnesota COVID-19 Statewide Critical Care Workgroup; Chairperson, Scientific Advisory Team, Minnesota Department of Health

Dr. Dichter is an Intensivist, having completed his fellowship in critical care medicine at the National Institutes of Health, and is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Minnesota. His professional publications in disaster preparedness include a 2014 CHEST consensus statement and several updates during the COVID-19 pandemic. He is an executive committee member of the Task Force for Mass Critical Care, a nationally recognized disaster preparedness organization, which includes leaders from critical care medicine and other aligned specialties, nursing, pharmacy, and respiratory therapy. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he was chairperson of the Minnesota statewide critical care working group, composed of leadership of the nine largest Minnesota healthcare systems, experts in ethics/legal, emergency medicine, and palliative care. As part of a state response, the critical care working group was empowered with a mission to plan for and support Minnesota's critical care needs and was instrumental in the development of Minnesota's Medical Operations Coordination Center (MOCC). Dr. Dichter is an assistant medical director of the University of Minnesota's high consequence infectious disease biocontainment unit and has been recently appointed as Chairperson of the Scientific Advisory Team of the Minnesota Department of Health.

### **Vikramjit Mukherjee, MD, FRCP (Edin)**

Associate Professor, NYU School of Medicine; Chief, Critical Care, Bellevue Hospital; Director, Special Pathogens Program, Bellevue Hospital

Dr. Mukherjee is an intensive care physician who serves as the director of the Critical Care Services at NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue. He also is the Medical Director of Bellevue's special pathogen program. Dr. Mukherjee is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the division of pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine at the NYU Grossman School of Medicine. Dr. Mukherjee serves as co-Principal Investigator for NETEC, as a steering committee member for the National Special Pathogens System of Care, and as an executive member of the Task Force for Mass Critical Care. His research interests include special pathogen preparedness and mass critical care.

### **Matthew Wynia, MD, MPH, FACP**

Director, Center for Bioethics and Humanities University of Colorado; Professor, University of Colorado School of Medicine and Colorado School of Public Health

Trained in internal medicine, infectious diseases, public health and health services research, from 1997-2015 Dr. Wynia was a leader in several program areas at the American Medical Association, including the AMA Institute for Ethics, the Center for Patient Safety, the

Commission to End Health Care Disparities, and the Improving Health Outcomes' section on Patient and Physician Engagement. In 2015 he became the Director of the University of Colorado's Center for Bioethics and Humanities.

Dr. Wynia has led projects related to ethics and professionalism in health care with the National Academies, the Joint Commission, professional associations and multiple government agencies, on topics including: public health and disaster ethics; understanding and measuring the ethical climate of health care organizations and systems; ethics and quality improvement; communication, team-based care and engaging patients as members of the team; medicine and the Holocaust; and inequities in health and health care. He has delivered dozens of named lectures and visiting professorships nationally and internationally and author of more than 170 published articles. He is an elected Fellow of The Hastings Center, past president of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH), and past-chair of the Ethics Forum of the American Public Health Association (APHA) and the Ethics Committee of the Society for General Internal Medicine (SGIM).