

# ASPR TRACIE Speaker Series

## Brief Speaker Biographies

### Healthcare System Preparedness Considerations Speaker Series

#### WA MOCC

##### **Mary King, MD, MPH, FACCP**

Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Univ. of Washington; Pediatric Intensivist, Seattle Children's; Medical Director, Pediatric Trauma Intensive Care Unit, Harborview; WRAP-EM, WA State Lead

Dr. King is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at University of Washington Seattle and the Medical Director of Pediatric Trauma and Burns ICU at Harborview Medical Center. Dr. King led the creation and development of a new Pediatric ICU service at Harborview (a mixed adult and pediatric level 1 trauma center) starting in 2008. She attends as a pediatric intensivist at both Seattle Children's Hospital and Harborview. Her research is focused in the area of standardizing, simplifying, and reducing cognitive load in non-pediatric environments during trauma and disasters. Dr. King worked as the lead pediatric SME to help create the Pediatric arm of the WMCC during last fall's pediatric triple-demic in partnership with an established adult MOCC at Harborview, the Washington Medical Coordination Center (WMCC), and the western WA healthcare coalition, the Northwest Healthcare Response Network (NWHRN). Dr. King has served in numerous local, state and national pediatric trauma and disaster related leadership roles and has worked closely with the NWHRN for 15 years. She serves as the WA state lead for ASPR-funded "Western Regional Alliance for Pediatric Emergency Management" (WRAP-EM) and as a member of the HRSA-funded Pediatric Pandemic Network (PPN).

##### **Steven Mitchell, MD, FACEP**

Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, University of Washington; Medical Director, WA Medical Coordination Center (WMCC).

Dr. Mitchell is an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Washington and is the Medical Director of the WA Medical Coordination Center (WMCC). At the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Mitchell co-founded the Washington Medical Coordination Center. The WA Medical Coordination Center works to load balance patient care across the Washington state healthcare system and manage healthcare surge-related and disaster patient distribution. The WA Medical Coordination Center is a statewide Medical Operations Coordination Center (MOCC) that has managed nearly 9,000 requests from Washington state hospitals since its inception.

In the fall and winter of 2022, the WA Medical Coordination Center expanded its operations to manage the unprecedented surge in pediatric patients related to the viral respiratory surge in WA state as will be discussed in this presentation.

**Vicki L. Sakata, MD, FAAEM, FAAP**

Senior Medical Advisor, Northwest Healthcare Response Network

Dr. Sakata is a double boarded and double residency trained in Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics, with subspecialty board certification in Pediatric Emergency Medicine. She is a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Washington, Seattle; a Senior Medical Advisor with the Northwest Healthcare Response Network; a WA-1 DMAT Medical Officer with deployments to Hurricanes Katrina/Rita, San Diego Wildfires, COVID-19 response; international medical experience to multiple countries in Central and South America, Africa, Pakistan and Nepal. She is also a speaker at multiple local and national disaster preparedness workshops and conferences with publications on multiple disaster related topics. Dr. Sakta has her MD from University of Colorado.