

ASPR TRACIE Webinar Brief Speaker Biographies

Monoclonals and More: Issues and Opportunities With Early Treatment Options in COVID-19 November 12, 2021

Welcome

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Ms. Brannman has extensive experience conducting independent evaluations and assessments of government healthcare policies and programs. She has worked on health and disaster issues for the U.S. Navy and Department of Defense healthcare systems, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. She is an established healthcare executive with more than 30 years of experience, within both strategic and operational settings. In addition, she is an experienced personnel-planning analyst, with an extensive understanding of personnel and training systems. Ms. Brannman currently serves as the ASPR Director for TRACIE (Technical Resources, Assistance Center, & Information Exchange).

Moderator

John Hick, MD

Hennepin Healthcare

Dr. John L. Hick is a faculty emergency physician at Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC) 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 HCMC. He served the Minnesota Department of Health as the Medical Director for the Office of Emergency Preparedness from 2002-2014 and currently works part-time as a Senior Editor for ASPR TRACIE. He is an expert on hospital preparedness and crisis medical care issues and has published over 50 peer-reviewed papers dealing with hospital preparedness for contaminated casualties, disaster standards of care, and surge capacity.

Speakers (listed alphabetically)

Jay Epstein, MD

Medical Officer, COVID-19 Therapeutics Program, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, HHS

Dr. Jay S. Epstein is a Senior Advisor at HHS ASPR where he supports the U.S. response to the COVID-19 pandemic in the area of SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing antibody products. Between 2018 and 2020 he was the Senior Advisor for International Blood Regulatory Affairs at FDA, consulting informally to the WHO

unit on Blood and Other Products of Human Origin. In that role he co-authored WHO interim guidance on collection of COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma. Prior to 2018, Dr. Epstein was Director of FDA's Office of Blood Research and Review for more than 20 years as the lead official responsible for scientific review, policy development and regulation related to the safety, efficacy and availability of blood and blood-related products including donor screening tests for transfusion transmitted infections. Additionally, Dr. Epstein is a member of the organizing committee of Working Party for Global Blood Safety of the International Society of Blood Transfusion where he participates in subgroups on plasma products and on global harmonization of blood standards. Dr. Epstein holds clinical certifications in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases. He is author of over 150 peer reviewed scientific papers and numerous review articles and book chapters primarily in the field of blood safety regulation.

Dr. Epstein received an A.B. degree from Harvard College in 1969 and a medical degree from State University of New York, Medical College at Downstate, in 1976. He completed training in Internal Medicine and Clinical Infectious Diseases at The George Washington University Hospital, Washington, D.C. in 1981 and spent five years in virology research at FDA before joining the FDA blood program.

Rajesh Gandhi, MD

Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School; Director of HIV Clinical Services and Education, Massachusetts General Hospital; Co-Director of the Harvard University Center for AIDS Research (CFAR); Member, NIH Covid-19 Treatment Guidelines Panel and the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) Covid-19 Treatment Guidelines Panel

Dr. Rajesh T. Gandhi is a Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and the Director of HIV Clinical Services and Education at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH). Dr. Gandhi is the site leader of the MGH AIDS Clinical Research Site in the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG). He is also the Co-Director of the Harvard University Center for AIDS Research (CFAR). Dr. Gandhi is a member of the NIH Covid-19 Treatment Guidelines Panel and the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) Covid-19 Treatment Guidelines Panel. He is also a scientific member of the Department of Health and Human Services Panel on Antiretroviral Guidelines for Adults and Adolescents, and Chair of the International Antiviral Society-USA Panel on Antiretroviral Drugs for Treatment and Prevention of HIV in Adults. Dr. Gandhi is a Deputy Editor of NEJM Journal Watch Infectious Diseases and NEJM Journal Watch HIV/AIDS. Dr. Gandhi graduated from Harvard Medical School, completed his medical residency and chief residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and his infectious diseases fellowship training at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Dan Hanfling, MD

Co-Chair, National Academy of Medicine Forum on Medical/Public Health Preparedness

Dr. Dan Hanfling is Vice President on the Technical Staff at In-Q-Tel, a non-governmental, not-for-profit strategic investor focused on enabling technologies to support national security. He is a member of B.Next, the team within In-Q-Tel that explores the intersection of health security and national security requirements. His work is focused on the implementation of digital health tools – wearables, sensors, chatbots and telehealth connectivity -- useful to augment health security. He is also interested in the data systems needed to achieve a more comprehensive situational awareness required for crisis response.

Dr. Hanfling is a board-certified emergency physician and remains on the medical staff at Inova Fairfax Hospital, northern Virginia's Level I trauma center, where he spent 18 years leading emergency preparedness and response efforts in the aftermath of the 9-11 attacks and the anthrax mailings. He was a

founding director of the Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance, one of the first preparedness and response healthcare coalitions in the country. He served as a medical team manager for Virginia Task Force 1 (Fairfax County, VA) with responses to many of the most notable domestic and international disaster events over the past two decades. He has been appointed to the Standing Committee of the National Academies focused on Emerging Health Threats of the 21st Century, and currently serves as the co-chair of the National Academies Forum on Medical and Public Health Preparedness. He co-chaired the Institute of Medicine committees responsible for developing the work on “crisis standards of care”.

Dr. Hanfling is Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine at George Washington University. He received an AB in political science from Duke University and was awarded his medical degree from Brown University. He completed an internship in internal medicine at the Miriam Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island, and an emergency medicine residency at George Washington/Georgetown University Hospitals.

Anne Zink, MD, FACEP

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