

ASPR TRACIE Roundtable

Pediatric Issues Informing Current and Future Disaster Planning

Brief Speaker Biographies
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Welcome

Rachel Lehman

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Rachel Lehman is the Acting System Owner and Director for ASPR TRACIE. She previously she 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.

Joseph Lamana, BSN, MPA

Director, Office of International Operations, Center for Response, HHS ASPR

Mr. Lamana is the Director of the Office of International Operations in the Center for Response within HHS ASPR. In his current position, he oversees ASPR's international engagements focused on emergency medical response operations and the deployment of ASPR resources internationally. He was previously assigned as the Director of Readiness and the Director of Operations Divisions in the Office of Emergency Management and Medical Operations within ASPR, responsible for ASPR's healthcare preparedness and medical response to disasters and emergency operations. Additionally, Mr. Lamana served as the National Patient Movement Coordinator in ASPR for more than nine years. Recent major disaster response operations that he has been involved include the H1N1 Pandemic (2009), Haiti Earthquake and Gulf Oil Spill (2010), the Japan Earthquake and Joplin Tornado (2011), Hurricane Sandy (2012) and the Sandy Hook

Shooting (2012), Ebola Outbreak (2014/2016), Zika Outbreak (2015), Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria (2017), Hurricanes Michael and Yutu (2018), COVID-19 Response (2020-2021), Operation Allies Welcome (2021/2022), Border Refugee Resettlement (2022), and the U.S. Medical Preparedness for the National Security Council Ebola Response Team (2022-2023).

Mr. Lamana also serves as the U.S. government medical representative and the Vice Chair to NATO's Joint Health Group, a committee committed to developing civilian medical emergency preparedness and response activities within member nations. His international experience has led him to being one of the key architects/writers of an international disaster planners' course provided by the Defense Institute of Medical Operations. Mr. Lamana has traveled the world teaching international students the finer points of disaster planning and response and humanitarian assistance. He has extensive background as a clinician to include serving as Service Director for critical care at a community hospital in North Carolina. He has thorough knowledge of military health support and international medical engagements as a result of over 21 years of military experience in the Air Force and Navy, serving in the U.S. and abroad. During this time, he has held positions as a communications analyst, critical care registered nurse, medical planner and operations officer, flight commander, and international liaison. Mr. Lamana is a seasoned speaker and lecturer, having facilitated many working groups, presented at large conferences in the U.S. and abroad, and taught in classroom settings internationally.

Moderator

Michael Anderson, MD, MBA, FAP, FCCM, FAARC
Senior Advisor, HHS ASPR

Dr. Anderson has served in a number of important health care and policy leadership roles: PICU Medical Director, Chief Medical Officer, Children's Hospital President, Professor of Pediatrics, and Senior Advisor for the Federal COVID response. He currently serves as a Senior Advisor for ASPR at HHS, focused on pediatric response and readiness. Dr. Anderson received his Bachelor's degree from John Carroll University, his MD from Case Western Reserve, and his MBA in Health Care from Kent State University.

He spent the majority of his career as a Pediatric Intensivist and Health Care Administrator at Case Western Reserve and UH/Rainbow Babies and Children's in Cleveland, serving as Chief Medical Officer for the 15 hospital UH system from 2008 to 2016. Dr. Anderson served as the inaugural President of UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals from 2016 to 2020, where he focused on program integration, leadership recruitment, and novel program development.

Dr. Anderson's advocacy career has been served primarily in assuring children have adequate focus and resources when disasters strike. As President George W. Bush's appointee, he served

as Vice-Chair of the National Commission on Children and Disasters. In 2014, Dr. Anderson was appointed by the Obama Administration to chair the National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters at HHS. In addition, he has chaired an IOM task force on pediatric readiness and published on both critical care and disaster related topics. Dr. Anderson has been a regular contributor on MSNBC, focused primarily on pediatric issues.

Dr. Anderson is dedicated to the ideals of Jesuit Education and has been honored by his alma mater, John Carroll University, with the Beaudry Senior Award, an Honorary Degree, the Alumni Medal and served as the Commencement Speaker in 2023. He has served on the Boards of John Carroll University, the Ignatian Solidarity Network and the Jesuit Friends and Alumni Network.

Panelists

Deanna Dahl-Grove, MD, FAAP

Professor of Pediatrics, Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital; Co-Principal Investigator, ASPR Region V for Kids; HRSA Hub Site Principal Investigator for Pediatric Pandemic Network (PPN) and Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Innovation and Improvement Center (EIIC) Disaster Domain Co-Lead

Dr. Dahl-Grove is a Pediatric Emergency Department physician in the Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine at UH Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital and a Professor of Pediatrics at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and executive member of the AAP Council on Children and Disasters. She is a co-lead of the HRSA EIIC Disaster Domain, co-PI of the ASPR Region V for Kids PDCOE and hub site PI for the HRSA Pediatric Pandemic Network.

Brent Kaziny, MD, MA, FAAP

Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine; Principal Investigator, Gulf 7 - Pediatric Disaster Network; Co-Lead Disaster Management Domain for the Pediatric Pandemic Network (PPN) and Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Innovation and Improvement Center (EIIC) Disaster Domain Co-Lead; Medical Director of Emergency Management, Texas Children's Hospital

Dr. Kaziny completed his medical degree at the University of Texas – Houston, School of Medicine. He started his pediatric intern year at the Tulane-Ochsner Pediatric Residency Program, where he received the Hurricane Katrina Code Grey Hero Award for his efforts caring for patients and assisting with the evacuation of Tulane Hospital during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. His experience during Hurricane Katrina ignited his interest in pediatric disaster preparedness. After completing his intern year, he transferred to Baylor College of Medicine, where he completed his residency training in general pediatrics. He completed his fellowship in Pediatric Emergency Medicine at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

Upon completing fellowship, Dr. Kaziny took a position at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital. On a national level he serves as the Co-Director of the Disaster Domain for the Emergency Medical Services for Children – Innovations and Improvement Center, the Co-Lead of the Disaster Management Domain of the Pediatric Pandemic Network, and a voting member of the National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters. At Texas Children's Hospital he works in the Emergency Center and serves as the Medical Director of Emergency Management and Co-Chair of the Emergency Management Committee. Dr. Kaziny is the Principal Investigator for the third pediatric disaster care center of excellence, the Gulf 7 – Pediatric Disaster Network funded by the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response.

Jonathan E. Kohler, MD, MA, FAAP, FACS

Pediatric Trauma Medical Director and Physician Advisor, University of California- Davis Children's Hospital; Professor of Surgery, Division of Pediatric General, Thoracic, and Fetal Surgery, UC Davis; Co-Founder, PATH Program, UC Davis

Dr. Kohler is a Professor of Surgery in the Division of Pediatric General, Thoracic, and Fetal Surgery at the University of California - Davis, where he also serves as the Pediatric Trauma Medical Director and Physician Advisor to the Children's Hospital. He is the co-founder of the PATH (Promoting Accessibility to Healthcare) Program at UC Davis, which develops and implements best practices for acute care of neurodiverse patients. He has a longstanding interest in rural pediatric care and has developed a number of tele-mentoring outreach programs from pediatric centers to rural healthcare providers as part of work at UC Davis, the University of Wisconsin, and as Chair of the Access to Surgery for Kids (ASK APSA) Committee of the American Pediatric Surgical Association. He is a proud member of the Northern Plains Rural Surgical Society, and the host of a podcast about rural trauma care, Country Hits: Rural Surgery from the Scene to the Emergency Department.

Christopher Newton, MD

Professor of Surgery, Department of Surgery Chair, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, Principal Investigator- WRAP-EM (ASPR PDCOE), and Co-PI: Pediatric Pandemic Network

Dr. Newton is a professor of surgery at UCSF and the department chair of pediatric surgery UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland. Prior to assuming this role, he led the development of the level 1 pediatric trauma program at Oakland, and has served in numerous local, state and national pediatric trauma related leadership roles. In 2019 he was awarded funding to establish a regional pediatric disaster center of excellence, the "Western Regional Alliance for Pediatric Emergency Management" (WRAP-EM). Dr. Newton is also one of the four national co-principal investigators for the HRSA funded Pediatric Pandemic Network (PPN).