

ASPR TRACIE Roundtable

Lessons Learned from the Pediatric Tripledemic: Systems, Staff, Space, and Supplies

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 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

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

Associate Professor, Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital; Co-Principal Investigator, ASPR Region V for Kids; HRSA Hub Site Principal Investigator for Pediatric Pandemic Network (PPN); 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

Principal Investigator, Gulf 7 - Pediatric Disaster Network; Director of Pediatric Readiness Section of Emergency Medicine, Medical Director of Emergency Management, Co-Chair of the Emergency Management Committee, Texas Children’s Hospital/ Baylor College of Medicine

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, is Director of Pediatric Readiness for the Section of Emergency Medicine 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.

Mary King, MD, MPH

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 has focused in the area of standardizing, simplifying, and reducing cognitive load in non-pediatric environments during trauma and disasters. Dr. King led creation of a Pediatric Medical Operations Center (MOCC) for WA state last fall during the pediatric RSV surge through partnership with an established adult MOCC at Harborview (the WMCC or Washington Medical Coordination Center) and creation of a pediatric

arm of the WMCC. Dr. King has served in numerous local, state and national pediatric trauma and disaster related leadership roles and she has worked closely with the Northwest Healthcare Response Network for 15 years. She serves as the WA state lead for ASPR funded “Western Regional Alliance for Pediatric Emergency Management” (WRAPEM) and as a member of the HRSA funded Pediatric Pandemic Network (PPN).

Christopher Newton, MD

Professor of Surgery, LUCSF; Chair, Department of Surgery, UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland; PI – WRAP-EM (ASPR peds disaster COE); 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” (WRAPEM). Dr. Newton is also one of the four national co-principal investigators for the HRSA funded Pediatric Pandemic Network (PPN).

