



Protecting the Well-Being of Disaster Responders

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response, Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange ([ASPR TRACIE](#)) and the American College of Emergency Physicians ([ACEP](#)) invite you to attend this webinar focused on protecting the well-being of healthcare and public health workers during disasters and other critical incidents. Responders often face significant stress during and after these incidents, yet many report feeling unprepared for the emotional and operational challenges that follow. Limited routine staff support, cultural and societal reluctance to discuss response experiences, and the use of well-intended but often ineffective support strategies can amplify this stress. Panelists will discuss how to recognize and respond to the effects of acute stress and share practical approaches for creating healthy work environments that strengthen staff resilience in day-to-day operations and during disasters.

NOTE: CMEs will be offered through ACEP; participants will receive a post-event survey from ACEP following the webinar.

PARTICIPANTS

Introductions and Welcome: Rachel Lehman, Director (Acting), ASPR TRACIE

Moderator: Romeo Fairley, MD, MPH, FACEP, Visiting Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Center; Chair, Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee, ACEP

Panelists:

- **Kiersten Henry**, DNP, ACNP-BC, CCNS, CCRN-CMC, Strategic Advocacy Specialist, American Association of Critical-Care Nurses; Critical Care Nurse Practitioner, MedStar Montgomery Medical Center; Nurse Practitioner, Maryland-1 (MD-1) DMAT
- **Richard Kamin**, MD, FACEP, FAEMS, Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, UConn School of Medicine; EMS Program Director, UConn Health; Medical Director, Connecticut Office of Emergency Medical Services
- **Michael Redlener**, MD, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai; Deputy Medical Director, The Fire Department of the City of New York

REGISTRATION & CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) CREDITS

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