



GNYHA Symposium: How Health Care Emergency Preparedness Has Changed Since 9/11

Thursday, September 9, 2021 | 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. via Zoom

AGENDA

- Welcome
- Keynote Presentation
- Panel Discussion: The Future of Health Care Emergency Preparedness

ABOUT TODAY'S PRESENTERS

Dan Hanfling, MD

Dr. Hanfling is a board-certified emergency physician practicing at Inova Fairfax Hospital, Northern Virginia's Level I trauma center, and serves as a Medical Team Manager for Virginia Task Force One, a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)- and US Agency for International Development-sanctioned international urban search and rescue team. Dr. Hanfling has participated in responses to international and domestic disaster events since 1999. Dr. Hanfling was integrally involved in managing the response to the anthrax bioterror mailings in fall 2001, when two cases of inhalational anthrax were correctly diagnosed at Inova Fairfax Hospital.

Dr. Hanfling is also deeply involved in improving domestic readiness for infectious disease outbreaks, serving as Vice President of In-Q-Tel's B.Next team. Dr. Hanfling has published widely on issues around emergency response, including the response to mass casualty events, crisis standards of care, and the response to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives events. Dr. Hanfling also serves as a Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine at George Washington University and is an invited member of the George Mason University School of Public Policy Advisory Board.

Brendan Carr, MD

Dr. Carr is Professor and System Chair of Emergency Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and the Mount Sinai Health System. Dr. Carr, who also has a secondary appointment in the Department of Population Health Science and Policy, is a renowned emergency physician and health policy researcher whose work has focused on building regional systems of care for emergency care and developing innovative delivery system solutions to create a more distributed and accessible acute-care delivery system.

Dr. Carr joined Mount Sinai in February 2020, one month before New York City's first case of COVID-19 was diagnosed in the Mount Sinai Hospital Emergency Department. He had a central role in coordinating the health system's response to the epidemic. He previously served on the faculty in emergency medicine, surgery, and epidemiology at the University of Pennsylvania and the Thomas Jefferson University Health System, where he was Professor and Associate Dean for Health-care Delivery Innovation.

Dr. Carr has authored more than 150 peer-reviewed publications, received awards both for teaching and research, and has advised and supported global not-for-profit foundations, the World Health Organization, and the National Academy of Medicine. Dr. Carr also served as Director of the Emergency Care Coordination Center and Senior Advisor within the US Department of Health and Human Services from 2012-20.

Scott Heller

Mr. Heller is the Vice President of Emergency Management for the Albany Med Health System, which comprises four hospitals, affiliated practices, and a medical college. He is responsible for directing emergency management planning, training, and response activities for the hospital, the medical college, and affiliated faculty physician practice sites. Additionally, Mr. Heller coordinates and collaborates with emergency management partners at the health system's affiliate hospitals and is responsible for administrative oversight of the regional training center.

Mr. Heller brings significant clinical and operational experience to his role. Prior to joining Albany Medical Center, he served in the following roles: Director of Cardio-Pulmonary Services at a community hospital; Program Director for a regional air-medical service; Director of Operations for a large, private cardiology practice; and Operations Administrator for a community-based diagnostic imaging center.

Meghan McGinty, PhD

Dr. McGinty currently serves as the Director of Emergency Management at NYC Health + Hospitals, the largest public hospital system in the country. She also holds a faculty appointment at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, where she conducts disaster research. Her research has examined health sector resilience, hospital preparedness, allocation of scarce resources during disasters, risk management and communications, and workforce development for public health and health care.

Dr. McGinty previously directed Continuity of Operations Planning at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and served as the Deputy Director of the Big Cities Health Coalition at the National Association of County and City Health Officials. Dr. McGinty has also supported preparedness and response initiatives for the US National Response Team, the US Environmental Protection Agency, the US Coast Guard, FEMA, and the US Public Health Service. She has responded to disasters and public health emergencies including Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the 2009 H1N1 pandemic, Zika, and coronavirus (COVID-19).