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Day 1

Ian Crozier, MD

Dr. Ian Crozier is a Vanderbilt-trained infectious diseases specialist originally from Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. Over the past six years, primarily at the Infectious Diseases Institute (Kampala, Uganda), his work has focused on developing clinical reasoning skills in African clinicians providing complex care at African bedsides. In August 2014, he was deployed by the World Health Organization to the Kenema Government Hospital Ebola Treatment Unit in eastern Sierra Leone, a ground zero setting for the Sierra Leone outbreak. After becoming infected, he was evacuated to Emory University Hospital, becoming critically ill, but emerging after a 6 week hospitalization. Two months after clearing the virus from his blood, he developed sight-threatening ocular inflammation with high amounts of viable Ebola virus detected in the eye, this in addition to a number of other post-EVD sequelae. Currently, his work focuses on characterizing and understanding the sequelae of EVD in West African survivors, targeting their clinical care needs, the management of residual risk, and unpacking the scientific questions newly emerging at survivor bedsides. He provides a unique and bilingual perspective from a dual citizenship as Ebola doctor and Ebola survivor.

Louise M. Dembry, MD, MS, MBA

Louise M. Dembry, MD, MS, MBA, FACP, FSHEA, FIDSA is Professor of Medicine, Infectious Diseases and Epidemiology at Yale University. She joined the Yale faculty in 1993 as a hospital epidemiologist at Yale-New Haven Hospital (YNHH) until 2016 when she joined the VA Connecticut Healthcare System to direct their healthcare epidemiology program. She was the Yale-New Haven Health System's (YNHHS) Office of Emergency Preparedness associate medical director until 2016 and worked with the Connecticut Department of Public Health to coordinate statewide planning for public health emergencies. She was involved in the statewide smallpox preparedness planning and co-led the YNHH/YNHHS preparedness and response efforts for SARS, 2009 H1N1 flu pandemic, MERS-CoV, and more recently Ebola Virus Disease. In 2003, she spent 2 weeks working at a Toronto SARS hospital and used this experience to shape YNHH/YNHHS's subsequent preparedness and response plans. More recently, she was integral to changing YNHH/YNHHS's plans to an all hazards approach for high consequence infectious diseases leveraging the hospital incident command structure and moving away from individual disease plans. Dr. Dembry was the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) president in 2016.

Jennifer Hanrahan, DO, MA

Jennifer Hanrahan, D.O. is an infectious disease physician at MetroHealth Medical Center and is medical director of infection prevention at MetroHealth Medical Center. She has served as co-medical director of the Cleveland Department of Public Health, and has extensive experience teaching residents, fellows and medical students. Her areas of expertise include influenza, hospital-acquired infections, legionella, HIV/AIDS, and hospital preparedness for infectious diseases. She spearheaded efforts to make MetroHealth Medical Center the designated Ebola Treatment Center in Ohio.

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Geeta Sood, MD

Geeta Sood, M.D. is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University and Hospital Epidemiologist at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical center. She completed her medical training, residency in internal medicine and fellowship training in infectious diseases at Temple University Medical School. Dr. Sood has worked at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia as an Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency Program and Clerkship Site Director for Jefferson medical students and then served as the Hospital Epidemiologist at Abington Memorial Hospital, before coming to Johns Hopkins 2011. She has been the Hospital Epidemiologist at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center where she led several successful process improvement interventions particularly in the burn intensive care unit for which she won the Armstrong Clinical Excellence Award in Patient Safety in 2015. She is a member of the Maryland Healthcare Associated Infections Advisory Board and teaches the Healthcare Epidemiology course at the Bloomberg School of Public Health. Her research interests are in the role of the microbiome in preventing healthcare associated infections and burn infections.

Trish Perl, MD, MSc

Dr. Perl is the Jay P. Sanford Professor of Medicine and the Chief of Infectious Diseases at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and Medical Center.

Dr. Perl received her Bachelor of Arts and medical degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Master of Science degree from McGill University in Montreal, Canada. She completed a residency in internal medicine at McGill University and a fellowship in infectious diseases and clinical epidemiology at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa. She rose through the ranks at Johns Hopkins University and Health System to become a Professor of Medicine and Pathology in the School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland, and in the Department of Epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She was the Hospital Epidemiologist of the Johns Hopkins Hospital between 1996 and 2011 and instrumental for building its reputation as a leader in the field and became the Senior Epidemiologist for The Johns Hopkins Health System.

She is a clinician and enjoys seeing patients and has extensive practical and research experience in the field of healthcare associated infections and resistant and epidemiologically significant organisms and is recognized globally for her innovation and research in the field and the use of research knowledge in the healthcare setting. Dr. Perl is the former President of the Society of Hospital Epidemiologists of America (SHEA) and has served on advisory panels for the IOM, the CDC and WHO and been a consultant to the NIH and ARHQ. She was the Courage Fund Visiting Professor in 2008-10. An active researcher, Dr. Perl has been a principal and co-principal investigator on multiple studies funded by the CDC, the Veteran's Affairs Administration over the years. She has authored or coauthored over 300 peer-reviewed articles. In addition, she has written multiple chapters and contributed to guidelines and policies relevant to healthcare associated infections at the institutional, state and federal level. She has been asked to help with management of international outbreaks including SARS and MERS CoV and consults with international governments on guideline development and strategies to prevent healthcare associated infections and antimicrobial resistance. She is currently on the Board of Directors for the IDSA.

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Angela Hewlett, MD

Angela Hewlett MD, MS, is Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). She is also an Associate Professor at the University of Nebraska College of Public Health, Associate Professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Associate Medical Director of the Department of Healthcare Epidemiology and Infection Control, and Director of the UNMC Infectious Diseases clinic. She serves as Medical Director of Clinical Operations in the Nebraska Biocontainment Unit. Dr. Hewlett actively participated in the care of several patients with Ebola virus disease in 2014, and has since provided subject matter expertise on the clinical management of patients with Ebola virus disease through the CDC Training Course for Ebola Treatment Facilities and Ebola Assessment Facilities, as well as on-site assessment of designated Ebola treatment centers in coordination with the CDC, NIOSH and state departments of health. She serves as faculty in the National Ebola Training and Education Center (NETEC), which provides education and training to hospitals preparing to care for patients with Ebola and other highly infectious diseases.

Dr Hewlett is an active member of the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) and Fellow in the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) and has served on several of SHEA's national committees as well as the IDSA Clinical Affairs Committee. She is also President of the Nebraska Infection Control Network, and currently serves as Chair of the CIMRO of Nebraska Healthcare-associated Infections Advisory Council. Her research interests include healthcare-associated infections, complicated bone and joint infections, and biopreparedness. She enjoys her role as an academician, and actively participates in the education of fellows, residents, and students. She serves as Faculty Sponsor of the Infectious Diseases Student Interest Group at UNMC, and has earned multiple Department of Internal Medicine 'Top Teacher' awards.

Dr. Hewlett earned a BA in Biology from the University of Texas at Austin, and an MD from the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston, Texas, where she also completed a residency in Internal Medicine. She served as Chief Resident, then completed a 2 year fellowship in Infectious Diseases followed by a 1 year NIH-funded research fellowship with a focus in Hospital Epidemiology and Infection Control. She also holds a Masters degree in Clinical Sciences-Clinical Investigation from the University of Texas Medical Branch.

Kristina L. Spurgeon, MPH

Kristina Spurgeon has been working in healthcare Emergency Management for over 13 years, and has been part of Kaiser Permanente's Healthcare Continuity Management team for the last 10 years. She assists the 21 KP Medical Centers in Northern California with their Emergency Management Programs, conducts internal surveys for Joint Commission compliance, and works with the KP Northern California Region for response readiness and to implement and exercise disaster preparedness initiatives such as trauma and pediatric surge programs. Kristina holds a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from the University of Arizona, and a Master of Public Health from San Francisco State University.

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Danielle Suminski, BSN, RN

Danielle Suminski is an Emerging Diseases Coordinator within the Infection Control Department at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. She coordinates the Emerging Diseases program at the only CDC designated Treatment Facility in the state. The program at MetroHealth has been noted by The National Ebola Training and Education Center (NETEC) to have one of the most comprehensive training programs in the United States.

Danielle developed and continually upgrades educational classes and simulation drills for physicians and nurses on the Special Diseases Care Unit (SDCU) team to enhance the facility's readiness to care for highly contagious patients. She has been a key player in the design of MetroHealth's state-of-the-art patient care unit, which will be used to care for these types of patients. She is a representative of the Emerging Infections Coalition for the State of Ohio, and manages the Emerging Diseases Committee within The MetroHealth System.

Danielle has also had opportunities to train with FEMA and The Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) in their Barrier Precautions and Controls for Highly Infectious Disease (HID) offering. She has also attended Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents (ERDBI) instructed by The National Center for Biomedical Research and Training (NCBRT), and further trainings in conjunction with NETEC, as well as, The University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Danielle holds a Bachelors in Nursing from Ursuline College: Breen School of Nursing, and is currently working on her Masters in Business Administration from Lake Erie College.

Alexander Isakov, MD, MPH

Alexander Isakov, MD, MPH is Professor of Emergency Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA. He is certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine in both emergency medicine and EMS medicine. His professional experience includes service as an officer in the United States Navy, consulting for the CDC, deploying with the National Disaster Medical System, and providing leadership in EMS and disaster preparedness and response.

Dr. Isakov is the founding executive director of the Emory Office of Critical Event Preparedness and Response (CEPAR), which reports to university executive leadership and serves as the center for Emory enterprise-wide planning for and coordinated response to catastrophic events. Dr. Isakov also co-founded and directs Emory's Section of Prehospital and Disaster Medicine, whose team of EMS physicians provides medical oversight for 911 emergency ground and air ambulance responders in the City of Atlanta and the broader metro area. He founded and directs the Emory-Grady EMS Bio-Safety Transport Program, which supports the Emory University Hospital Serious Communicable Diseases Unit and the CDC for the transport of individuals who pose a serious communicable disease risk.

Dr. Isakov is often invited to participate in programs regionally, nationally and internationally. He serves on the National Association of EMS Physicians board of directors, the American College of Emergency Physicians Epidemic Expert Panel and the National Association of State EMS Officials Ebola & High Consequence Infectious Disease Transport Expert Panel. He is on the faculty of the National Ebola Training and Education Center. He is an NIEHS-WTP Cooperative Agreement awardee. He has served the Institute of Medicine as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Certification of Personal Protective Technologies. Dr. Isakov practices clinically in the emergency department of Emory University Hospital.

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Laura Evans, MD, MSc

Dr. Evans is an associate professor of medicine at New York University School of Medicine and the Medical Director of Critical Care at Bellevue Hospital. She also serves as the associate program director for the NYU Pulmonary and Critical Care fellowship program. Her interests focus on education, patient safety and quality improvement in the intensive care unit.

Dr. Evans earned her medical degree at the University of Michigan and did her residency in Internal Medicine residency at Columbia University. She completed Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Fellowship training and earned a master of science in epidemiology at the University of Washington. She joined the faculty of NYU and Bellevue Hospital in 2006. In her role there, she led the evacuation of the Bellevue Hospital intensive care units in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy and was the clinical lead for New York City's only patient with Ebola.

She has served as the chair of the Internal Medicine Section of the Society of Critical Care Medicine and served on the Guidelines Oversight Committee of the American College of Chest Physicians, and received the Darlene Buczak award for innovations in medical education from the Association of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Program Directors. She joined the steering committee of the Surviving Sepsis Campaign in 2012 and is the current guidelines co-chair.

Patricia Lafaro, RN, BS, CIC

Patricia E. Lafaro RN, BS, CIC is Director of Infection Prevention at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset. Prior to coming to New Jersey Pat practiced infection prevention in New York at Lenox Hill Hospital and Metropolitan Hospital. With over 30 years of infection prevention experience in both acute care and in the ambulatory setting. She completed her Bachelor's in Science at Columbia University in New York City and trained in infection prevention at The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia. Pat has been certified in infection preventions since 1993, she is also Green belt certified in Lean Six Sigma and Team STEEPs Master Trainer.

Pat has been an active member of the local APIC-NNJ Chapter serving as treasurer, president-elect, and president as well as the chair of governmental affairs committee. She received the National APIC Chapter Leadership Award in 2008 at the national convention.

Pat has served on many New Jersey Quality Improvement Committees on C.difficile infections and Healthcare Associated Infections Technical Work Group. She has served on the New Jersey Hospital Association (NJHA) Emergency Preparedness Task Force, NJHA Education Task Force for Emergency Preparedness, NJHA Engineering Advisory Board, NJHA Task Force on Pandemic Flu, New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) Task Force on Resistant Organisms and a member of the NJDOH Team on MRSA Guidance. She is a member of the APIC and IDSA New Jersey Annual Educational Conference Committee and the NJDOH ICAR Subcommittee.

Pat has also appeared on several TV news shows in regard to infection related issues. She has also published in the American Journal of Infection Control.

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Jeanne S. Sheffield, MD

Dr. Jeanne Sheffield is the Director of the Maternal-Fetal Medicine Division and a Professor in the Johns Hopkins Medicine Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics. Her areas of clinical and research expertise include medical and surgical complications of pregnancy with a focus on infectious diseases and immunizations in pregnancy.

Dr. Sheffield received her undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame and earned her medical degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She did her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology there and then completed a Maternal-Fetal Medicine fellowship at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. She is board-certified in both Obstetrics and Gynecology as well as Maternal-Fetal Medicine. She joined the Johns Hopkins faculty in 2015.

Dr. Sheffield serves on a number of national boards and committees and is a member of the American College of Obstetrics & Gynecology (ACOG), the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) the American Gynecologic and Obstetrics Society (AGOS), the Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and the Infectious Disease Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (IDSOG). She is currently on the Board of Directors for the Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and serves on the MFM Division of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She works with the National Institutes of Health for both national grant reviews and safety monitoring boards and has served on several working groups focusing on improving the pregnancy research infrastructure. She acts as a pregnancy consultant to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and is an active member of the National Vaccine Advisory Committee.

Dr. Sheffield has published numerous articles in obstetrics and maternal-fetal medicine journals and written a number of textbook chapters. She is currently an editor of Williams Obstetrics, the definitive obstetrics textbook used world-wide. She is a journal reviewer for a number of peer review journals in her specialty.

Thomas J. Sandora, MD, MPH

Dr. Sandora obtained his undergraduate degree from Duke University and his MD from Harvard Medical School. He did his pediatrics residency, chief residency, and ID fellowship at Boston Children's Hospital. During his fellowship he also obtained a Masters in Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Sandora is currently an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and the Hospital Epidemiologist and Medical Director of Infection Prevention and Control at Boston Children's Hospital. Dr. Sandora is a Fellow of SHEA and has served as chair of the steering committee of the SHEA Pediatric Leadership Council, and also as a member of the Steering Committee for the CHA Infection Prevention Directors Forum. His research focuses on pediatric healthcare-associated infections (including *C. difficile* infection and central line-associated bloodstream infections) and developing and assessing hand hygiene interventions to prevent transmission of infections among children at school and in the home. In 2012 he received the SHEA Pediatric Investigator Award. Dr. Sandora also serves as an Associate Program Director for the Boston Combined Residency Program in Pediatrics and is actively engaged in teaching and medical education scholarship.

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Kalpana Rengarajan, PhD, MPH, JM, RBP

Dr. Kalpana Rengarajan is the Director of the Research Safety at Environmental, Health and Safety Office (EHSO) and Biosafety Officer for Emory University. EHSO has University-wide responsibility for developing, implementing and maintaining EHS programs to control occupational exposures and to oversee the implementation and compliance with the mandated federal/state laws, regulations, and guidelines. Dr. Rengarajan currently serves on committees on American Biological Safety Association (ABSA) and Campus Safety Health and Environmental Association (CSHEMA) for developing professional development courses and Technical writer on ISO/TC 212/JWG 5, Laboratory Biorisk management standard. Dr. Rengarajan has worked as a scientist for over 15 years including at National Institutes of Health for 5 years. She was one of the technical writers for the CEN Workshop Agreements relating to Biorisk Management Systems: 16393: 2012. She was very actively involved as the Biosafety support at the Serious Communicable Disease Unit at Emory University during management of Ebola patients.

Ellie J. C. Goldstein, MD

Ellie Goldstein is Clinical Professor of Medicine, The David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Director, R M Alden Research Laboratory, and in private practice in Santa Monica, California, USA.

His clinical and research interests include anaerobic bacteria and their infections such as *C. difficile* infections (epidemiology, prevention and therapy), human and animal bite wounds (bacteriology, clinical presentations, complications and therapy); bacteriology and therapy of intra-abdominal infections, diabetic foot infections; *in vitro* susceptibility of fastidious and anaerobic bacteria to new antimicrobial agents; and pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of new agents. He has over 400 publications including in the New England Journal of Medicine, Science, JAMA, PLOS, Lancet ID and Clinical Infectious Diseases.

He is active in various societies including the Infectious Diseases Society of America (fellow), the American Society for Microbiology, the Surgical Infection Society, Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA- fellow), and Anaerobe Society of the Americas. He founded, and served as President, the Infectious Diseases Association of California (IDAC)(1985) and the Anaerobe Society of the Americas (1992).

He is involved with antimicrobial stewardship and Infection Prevention for Kindred LA Hospital and Providence St Johns' Health Center and IDAC.

He is currently a Section Editor for *Clinical Infectious Diseases* and Chair of the Publications Committee of *Anaerobe*. In the past he has served as an Associate Editor for *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, the *Journal of Medical Microbiology* and *Infectious Diseases in Clinical Practice*.

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William A. Fischer II, MD

William Fischer is a Pulmonary and Critical Care physician at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine with an expertise in severe emerging viral infections, clinical research and international health. Dr. Fischer has extensive field experience providing medical care in resource constrained environments and was deployed as a WHO critical care consultant to care for Ebola-infected patients in Gueckedou, Guinea – the epicenter of the 2014-2016 Ebola outbreak and most recently to N'zerekore in response to a resurgence of Ebola virus disease (EVD). Together with David Wohl (Professor of Medicine, Infectious Diseases at UNC) and Clinical RM, this team launched the first clinical trial of a therapeutic intervention in an Ebola outbreak and in doing so brought augmented clinical care and expanded healthcare infrastructure to Liberia. Currently he has active research programs exploring the clinical complications of Ebola virus disease and serves as one of the principal investigators for an NIH study (PREVAIL IV) evaluating a novel antiviral compound for efficacy in reducing or eliminating Ebola virus shedding in male survivors of EVD. Dr. Fischer also has research programs exploring respiratory viral infections in high risk populations including the elderly and HIV-infected individuals. Dr. Fischer serves as a member of the WHO Epidemic Clinical Management Team, the WHO Antiviral Working Group, the WHO Personal Protective Equipment End-User's Advisory Council, the WHO Advisory Committee on Infection, Prevention, and Control, and was a member of the CDC Ebola Response Team.

Nicholas M. Moore, PhD(c), MS, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}

Nicholas Moore is the Assistant Director of Clinical Microbiology and Assistant Professor at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois. He is responsible for the education of medical laboratory science students, medical students, pathology residents, and infectious disease fellows related to clinical microbiology. Nicholas earned his baccalaureate degree from Saint Louis University in 2007, his Master of Science degree from Rush University in 2009, and will complete his PhD from Rush University in the summer of 2017. He is a member of the Illinois Department of Public Health CRE Taskforce, and works on collaborative research projects funded through the CDC Prevention Epicenter Program to reduce antimicrobial resistant healthcare associated infections. He is volunteer reviewer for antimicrobial susceptibility testing documents published by the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute, is a member of the American Society of Microbiology, is a member of the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America, and is a member of the Infectious Disease Society of America.

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George Foltin, MD

George Foltin is the Interim chair of Maimonides Infants & Children's Hospital and the Department of Pediatrics at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY. Prior to joining the Maimonides team, Dr. Foltin was Chief of the Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine at NYU Langone Medical Center/ Bellevue Hospital Center in the Departments of Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics. Dr. Foltin is a nationally and internationally recognized expert in Emergency Medical Services for Children, and pediatric Disaster Preparedness.

The Center for Pediatric Emergency Medicine (CPEM) was founded in 1985 by Dr. Foltin, with the mission to improve emergency medical services for children in the United States through education, research, advocacy, and systems development. CPEM receives funding from a variety of sources, among them the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) through its Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program, in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) as well as New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH), and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) in partnership with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Today, CPEM is housed at Maimonides Infants and Childrens Hospital under the direction of Principal Investigator Dr. George Foltin. The Center is supported by the Executive Director, Ms. Emily Raisch, Project Coordinator John Jeremy and Dr. Michael Frogel, Consultant and research director.

CPEM helped change the face of EMS in New York City by creating emergency department standards in pediatrics, developing pediatric treatment protocols for paramedics, and training paramedics to perform endotracheal intubation and intraosseus infusion on infants and children. After working regionally, CPEM staff worked nationally as a subcontractor to the EMSC National Resource Center, provided technical assistance to the nation in pediatric disaster preparedness, Dr. Foltin has served as Principal Investigator on important research studies and projects including: Pediatric Pre-Hospital Arrest Survival Evaluation; the Pediatric Terrorism and Disaster Preparedness Resource in partnership with the American Academy of Pediatrics; and Co-PI on the PECARN, Pediatric EMSC Applied Research Network's PEDNET (Pediatric Emergency Department North East Team). CPEM partnered with the American Academy of Pediatrics to develop the nation's first comprehensive clinical and policy reference that serves as a central resource on the needs of children in preparation for acts of terrorism and natural disasters. The Teaching Resource for Instructors in Prehospital Pediatrics (TRIPP) and the Pediatric Terrorism and Disaster Preparedness Resource (PDTPR) are available online at <http://cpem.med.nyu.edu/> and have been utilized in 48 states and 60 countries. CPEM led resource development with sponsorship and funding from NYC DOHMH resulted in the creation of the Pediatric Disaster Toolkit: Hospital Guidelines for Pediatrics during Disasters (2nd Edition 2006); Pediatric Tabletop Exercise Toolkit for Hospitals (2nd Edition 2008) and Children in Disasters: Hospital Guidelines for Pediatric Preparedness (3rd edition 2008).

The NYC PDC was founded in 2008 with Federal funding from the Department of Health and Human Services in collaboration with NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH). The PDC was established to build a coalition of hospitals, public health, municipal services and community groups to ensure effective use of critical assets during and after a large scale disaster affecting children. The PDC is comprised of experts in emergency preparedness, pediatric critical care, surgery, emergency medicine, representatives from NYC DOHMH, NYC Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and the Fire Department of New York (FDNY). Dr. George Foltin and Dr. Michael Frogel have been Co-PI's of the PDC since its founding. The PDC's primary goals are to develop guidelines for pediatric pre-hospital management, hospital and inter-hospital transport of patients, and

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hospital-based pediatric critical care surge plans that would increase NYC PCC bed surge capacity. Since its inception, the PDC has increased pediatric intensive care surge capacity in NYC hospitals, retrained all EMS workers in a new pediatric first responder protocol, developed pediatric receiving hospitals for New York City, conducted five comprehensive tabletop and full scale pediatric exercises resulting in multiple lessons learned, and worked with FDNY to develop an inter-hospital transport system with input from pediatric intensive care experts. Over the years PDC has effectively responded to developing urgent situations, such as H1N1 and the Haiti earthquake. The PDC has been tapped by NYC DOHMH to provide pediatric subject matter expertise in response to Hurricane Sandy, and is providing a venue for information sharing and disaster response.

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Eileen Korey

Eileen Korey offers strategic communications counsel to leadership of organizations in various stages of transition and growth. After more than 20 years of experience as a trusted advisor to CEO's and executive teams in the dynamic fields of academia and health care, she launched an independent consulting practice in 2015. She has steered organizations through the "murky waters" of transformational change, including four presidential transitions at three organizations. She has also leveraged her career in journalism to create innovative approaches to media relations and build trusting relationships with media.

With an exceptional skill in storytelling, Eileen Korey has helped organizations enhance their reputations in earned, owned and paid media. From powerful front-page feature stories (earned media), to brand journalism that integrates video into digital platforms (owned media), to the development of advertising and brand campaigns (paid media), she has a knack for turning the "ordinary" into "noteworthy."

Eileen Korey prepares executives and organizations to anticipate and handle crises and/or threats to reputation, arming them with messaging that inspires confidence and trust. In her career, she has helped organizations facing allegations of ethics violations, criminal misconduct, health and safety violations and labor disputes.

Her ability to translate complex issues into understandable narratives comes from 15 years in broadcast and print journalism, specializing in business and medical reporting. More than a decade after leaving the media industry, she was inducted into the Journalism Hall of Fame by the Press Club of Cleveland.

Eileen Korey is a cum laude graduate of Princeton University, where she received a bachelor's degree in English. She and her husband Dr. Robert G. Kaplan, a clinical and forensic psychologist, reside in Lakewood, Ohio. They are the parents of Rachel, an equine veterinarian in Portland, OR, and Benjamin, a restaurant executive in Boston, MA.

Robert A. Weinstein, MD

Dr. Weinstein is C. Anderson Hedberg Professor of Medicine, Rush Medical Center; Chairman of Medicine Emeritus, Cook County Health and Hospitals System; and Founding COO, Ruth Rothstein CORE Center – all in Chicago.

Dr. Weinstein's research interests include healthcare-associated infections; antimicrobial resistance; and infections in ICUs.

Dr. Weinstein is past-president of the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) and past-chair of the CDC's Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee. Dr. Weinstein currently serves on the CDC's Board of Scientific Counselors and on the Presidential Advisory Council Combating Antimicrobial Resistant Bacteria (PAC CARB). He was recipient of the National Association of Public Hospitals 1999 Clinical Research Award, 2005 SHEA Lectureship Award, 2008 SHEA Mentor Award, 2010 CDC Lifetime Achievement Award, 2012 IDSA Walter Stamm Mentor Award, and 2014 IDSA Joseph Smadel Lectureship. Dr. Weinstein has published over 330 peer-reviewed scientific articles, over 50 book chapters, 2 books, and over 25 CDs and internet educational materials.

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Marjorie Lee White, MD, MPPM, MA

Marjorie Lee White MD, MPPM, MA serves as the Director of the Office of Interprofessional Simulation for Innovative Clinical Practice, Vice President for Clinical Simulation UAB Health System and Assistant Dean for Clinical Simulation for UAB School of Medicine. She is an associate professor in Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Medical Education in the School of Medicine and the Department of Health Services Administration in the School of Health Professions and practices in the emergency department at Children's of Alabama.

Bruce S. Ribner, MD, MPH

Bruce S Ribner, MD, M.P.H., is a Professor of Medicine in Infectious Diseases at the Emory University School of Medicine, and Medical Director of the Emory University Hospital Serious Communicable Diseases Unit. He is one of the Epidemiologists for Emory University Hospital and the Emory Clinic.

As Medical Director of the Serious Communicable Diseases Unit at Emory University Hospital, he is responsible for overall functioning of the Unit and the care of patients treated for Ebola virus disease and other special pathogens. He is also one of the clinicians who provides direct patient care for the Unit.

Dr. Ribner is the principal investigator for the ASPR contract that established Emory University Hospital as the regional Ebola and other special pathogen treatment center for federal region 4. He is the Principal Investigator for a contract with ASPR and CDC for the consortium of Emory University, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and the New York Health and Hospitals Corporation, establishing the National Ebola Training and Education Center (NETEC).

Dr. Ribner is a member of the Working Group of the Scientific Interactions Subcommittee of the National Interagency Biodefense Campus and a member of the Working group on guidance for clinical management of filovirus and arenavirus hemorrhagic fevers for the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases. He also serves on the Occupational Exposure on Call Consult Committee for the Intramural Clinical Management & Operations Branch (ICMOB) of the Division of Clinical Research, National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases.