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“The Evolution of Healthcare Emergency Preparedness and Response in the Context of COVID-19”

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Dr. Paul Biddinger is the Chief Preparedness and Continuity Officer at Mass General Brigham in Boston. He holds the Ann L. Prestipino MPH Endowed Chair in Emergency Preparedness and is also the Director of the Center for Disaster Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH). Dr. Biddinger additionally serves as the Director of the Emergency Preparedness Research, Evaluation and Practice (EPREP) Program at the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health and holds appointments at Harvard Medical School and at the Chan School. Dr. Biddinger serves as a medical officer for the MA-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) in the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) in the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Dr. Biddinger is an active researcher in the field of emergency preparedness and has lectured nationally and internationally on topics of preparedness and disaster medicine. He has authored numerous articles and book chapters on multiple topics related to disaster medicine and emergency medical operations and has responded to numerous prior disaster events, including Hurricane Katrina, Superstorm Sandy, the Boston Marathon bombings, the Nepal earthquakes, and many others.

Vinod K. Sahney PhD is Distinguished University Professor at Northeastern University. His healthcare industry experience includes over 30 years at Henry Ford Health System, MI and Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA as Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer. He is founding member of Institute of Healthcare Improvement (IHI) and the Group Practice Improvement Network. He is founding member and past President of Society for Health Systems (SHS) focused on improving Health Care Operations. Dr. Sahney's professional recognition includes The Frank and Lillian Gilbreth award for life time contributions to the field of Industrial and Systems Engineering. He is an elected member of National Academy of Engineering and The National Academy of Medicine.



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