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Wednesday,
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8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Virtual Conference

**THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY
MEDICINE PRESENTS**

**Transforming Emergency
Medicine: Prioritizing
Patient Safety and Quality
Care in Our Emergency
Departments**

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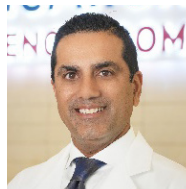
AGENDA

- 8:00 AM Welcome**
Teresa Y. Smith-Bellille, MD, MEd, FACEP
Interim Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine
Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education
and Affiliations Professor of Clinical Emergency
Medicine
- Elias Youssef, MD, MBA, FACEP**
Chief of Service, Department of Emergency
Medicine, Kings County Hospital Center
- 8:15 AM *Essentials of Teaming and Good Teams,***
Katherine J. Jones, PT, PhD
- 9:00 AM *Quality Care in Building an Emergency Medicine Practice,*** Parin Shah, MD
- 9:45 AM Break**
- 10:00 AM** Cynthia Benson, DO, MPH, MBA, FACEP
Interim Medical Director, Department of
Emergency Medicine, University Hospital at
Downstate
- Hope Taitt, MD, MBA
Medical Director, Department of Emergency
Medicine, King County Hospital Center
- 10:15 AM *Tending to TOCs: Mitigating Vulnerabilities in Transitions of Care,*** Silas Smith, MD, FACEP, FACMT
- 11:00 AM *Saving Lives: The Urgency of Quality & Patient Safety and the Emergency Department,***
Selwena Brewster, MD, MBA
- 11:45 AM Break**
- 12:00 PM** Daniel Imas, MD
Director of Quality, Department of Emergency
Medicine, University Hospital at Downstate
- Riddhi Desai, MD, MEd
Director of Patient Safety and Quality, Department
of Emergency Medicine, King County Hospital Center
- 12:15 PM *Navigating the Challenges Ahead: Meeting Federal Changes with ED resilience and quality leadership,***
Jinel Scott, MD, MBA, CPHQ
- 1:00 PM Closing**
Dr. Cynthia Benson and Dr. Elias Youssef

SPEAKERS



Katherine J. Jones, PT, PhD
Adjunct Associate Professor
Department of Health Services Research and
Administration, College of Public Health
University of Nebraska Medical Center



Parin Shah, MD
Founder, CEO, & CMO,
Emerge Healthcare Group,
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Silas Smith, MD, FACEP, FACMT
JoAnn G. and Kenneth Wellner Clinical
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine
Chief, Division of Quality, Safety, and Practice
Innovation



Selwena Brewster, MD, MBA
Interim Chief Medical Officer & Chief Quality
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Jinel Scott, MD, MBA, CPHQ
Chief Quality Officer NYCHHC/Kings County
Professor of Clinical Radiology

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