

Maine Emergency Medicine Leadership Summit

Sugarloaf Mountain Hotel | Carrabassett Valley, Maine

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Tony Cirillo, MD, FACEP

ACEP Board of Directors (Rhode Island)

Scope of Practice and Workforce Issues

L. Anthony Cirillo, MD, FACEP currently serves on the Board of Directors for the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) and was re-elected to a second term on the Board in 2021. Dr. Cirillo has been a practicing emergency physician for over 30 years and in addition to his clinical practice, serves as the Director of Government Affairs for US Acute Care Solutions. He is a past chair of ACEP's Federal Government Affairs, State Legislative and Regulatory and Membership Committees. Dr. Cirillo is a Past-Chair of the Emergency Medicine Policy Institute (EMPI) Board of Governors.

Dr. Cirillo is the 2018 recipient of ACEP's Collin C. Rorrie, Jr. Health Policy Award. He is a strong supporter of emergency physician advocacy in health policy and is a passionate advocate for improving the systems of care in this country for patients with mental illness. Dr. Cirillo earned his medical degree from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in Burlington, VT and completed his residency in emergency medicine at UMASS Medical Center in Worcester, MA where he served as Chief Resident.



Norman Dinerman, MD, FACEP

Medical Director, LifeFlight of Maine

Medical Director, Critical Care Transport Medicine

Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center

Transfer and Transport in the Age of Constrained Capacity

Dr. Dinerman serves as the Medical Director, LifeFlight of Maine. He is also the Medical Director of the Northern Light Health Transfer Center. He serves as a physician advisor to the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) compliance program. In these positions, he provides medical oversight of the system for transfer and transport of patients throughout the region, the statewide LifeFlight of Maine air and ground critical care transport teams and the MedComm Communications Center. He is an active participant in national, local and statewide activities which bear upon "peri-hospital" care of patients. His clinical practice is that of emergency medicine and critical care transport medicine aboard LifeFlight aircraft and ground ambulances. Of late, he has focused considerable effort on improving patient flow and institutional capacity, particularly as it affects the ability of a hospital to manage the volume of patients who present with an unscheduled demand for care. Optimizing the creativity and leveraging the panoply of fragile resources of the health care tapestry is an intense focus of his work.

Dr. Dinerman served as the Chief of the Emergency Medicine Service at Eastern Maine Medical Center for eighteen years, completing his tenure in this position on Oct. 31, 2006. From June 1992 to June 1996 he served as the State EMS Medical Director for Maine. From March 1979 until October 1988 he served as the Associate Director, Department of Emergency Medicine, Denver General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, as well as the Director and Physician Advisor to the Paramedic Division for the Denver Department of Health and Hospitals and Physician Advisor to the Denver Fire Department. During the same period, he served as the Agency Disaster Coordinator for the Denver Department of Health and Hospitals. He is a former member of the National Association of EMS Physicians where he served as the Chairman of the Legal Affairs Committee. He has served as a member of the EMS Technical Assistance Team for the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration on multiple occasions. He lectured as a charter faculty member of the National EMS Medical Directors' Course and Practicum for more than twelve years.

Dr. Dinerman is a native of New York City and received his undergraduate education at Columbia University and his medical degree from Yale University. He completed his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, Colorado. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine. He received his flight training to become a licensed pilot, in Denver, Colorado,

He has a deep and abiding interest in the academic, operational, political, clinical, ethical and cultural aspects of health care system design by which to mitigate the adverse influence of geography on health care outcome. His personal motto remains "passion, creativity and irreverence in the service of evolution...."



Emily M. Hayden, MD, MHPE

Director of Telehealth and Associate Director
Virtual Observation Unit in the Department of Emergency Medicine
Massachusetts General Hospital

Using Telehealth to Help Keep Patients Safely in Their Own Communities

Emily M. Hayden, MD, MHPE is an attending physician and Director of Telehealth and Associate Director of the Virtual Observation Unit in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Hayden is the founding Chair of the SAEM Telehealth Interest Group, Chair of the SAEM 2020 Consensus Conference on Telehealth in Emergency Medicine, Chair of the Education Subcommittee on the ACEP Telehealth Task Force, and the Chair-elect of the ACEP Emergency Telehealth Section. She is a member of the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) Telehealth Advisory Committee that developed the AAMC Telehealth Competencies. She is the Course Director for a self-paced online interprofessional telehealth course, "Telehealth Foundations: Applications Across the Professions". Dr. Hayden's research focuses on telehealth in emergency medicine, from the use of telehealth nationally for transfer coordination to the comparison of telehealth to in-person physical examinations. Prior to her work in telehealth, Dr. Hayden spent a decade in healthcare simulation and developed the TeleSimulation program at MGH Learning Laboratory at Massachusetts General Hospital.



Frank Lavoie, MD, MBA,
President and CEO
Medical Mutual Insurance Company of Maine

Tightening of the Malpractice Market: Issues and Solutions

As an MD with an MBA and a deep, varied background in healthcare, Frank brings a unique set of skills and experience to his leadership position at Medical Mutual. Prior to his appointment as President and Chief Executive Officer, he served five years as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Southern Maine Medical Center. He had previously served as the hospital's Chief Medical Officer. Frank has held numerous faculty positions at leading institutions, including the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, the University of Louisville School of Medicine and Hospital, the University of Vermont College of Medicine and the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. He developed and implemented the emergency medicine residency program at Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

Dr. Lavoie received his BSc from McGill University in Montreal, earned his medical degree at the University of Vermont and completed his residency at the University of Louisville School of Medicine and Hospital. He earned his MBA at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.



Michael R. Melia, MD MPH CPE FACEP
Chief, Emergency Medicine
Eastern Maine Medical Center

Leading in Uncertain Times

Michael R. Melia was raised on Long Island New York until the age of 17 when he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Sergeant Melia completed his tour in 1996, serving as a communications and reconnaissance Marine with 1st Force Reconnaissance Company. Returning to Long Island to obtain his bachelor's degree he served as a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician until his acceptance to the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, School of Medicine "Americas Medical School" in 1999. Later, Dr. Melia returned to the Marine Corps as an undersea and diving medical officer with 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion. Since becoming a physician Dr. Melia has served the Corps on multiple occasions, deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan as a Battalion Surgeon, Deputy Division Surgeon, and as the Officer-In-Charge of a forward deployed Shock Trauma Platoon. Board certified in Emergency Medicine,

Dr. Melia returned to academia as a clinical instructor of Emergency Medicine at Johns Hopkins University. During this time he completed a Master's Degree in Public Health and Emergency Medicine Systems Fellowship at Johns Hopkins University. Specializing in Tactical Emergency Medicine Services (TEMS) he served as the Deputy Medical Director for the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives and an Emergency Services Physician for the United States Secret Service. Dr. Melia received his subspecialty board certification in 2015 and was appointed as the National Capital Region EMS MD

by VADM Bono. At that time, he served as the Bureau of Medicine (BUMED) representative for Commander Naval Installation Command (CNIC) and was the initial Medical Director for Naval Criminal Investigative Services (NCIS) for the development of the NCIS Regional Emergency Action Counter Threat (REACT) tactical team.

Commander Melia's returned from his 4th combat deployment with United States Special Operations Command in 2017 and retired from Joint Special Operation Command and the US Navy after 25 years of service in 2018. He then moved to Maine where he currently resides as the Chief of Emergency Medicine at Eastern Maine Medical Center (EMMC).

Michael is married to Shannon Marchegiani, a Staff Neonatologist and Chief of Pediatrics at EMMC. They have three children Ainsley, Michael, and Elliott.



Dan Sullivan, MD, JD, FACEP

FOUNDER & CEO
The Sullivan Group

Tightening of the Malpractice Market: Issues and Solutions

Over the past 25 years, Dr. Daniel J. Sullivan has delivered hundreds of patient safety lectures for clinical leaders across the country at many annual industry forums, including: the Annual American Society of Healthcare Risk Management (ASHRM) Conference and the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) Scientific Assembly.

Dr. Sullivan's passion and vision for patient safety have garnered him the respect of his peers while earning ACEP's Colin C. Rorrie Jr. Award for Excellence in Health Policy and ACEP's Outstanding Speaker of the Year Award. Given the recent era of healthcare IT, Dr. Sullivan has directed a significant amount of his attention towards redesigning EMR applications to improve patient safety and clinical workflow. His lectures on heuristics, human factors engineering, and EMR medical liability have been instrumental in shaping the discussion between clinicians and IT administration for many healthcare organizations across the country.

Dr. Sullivan is a founder and former chairman of the board at MEA Management, LLC. During his tenure, MEA grew to provide clinical services at 20 facilities across five states. He is the past-chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Ingalls Hospital in Harvey, Illinois (1990–2000), and he is a past-president of the Illinois College of Emergency Physicians. Dr. Sullivan received his medical degree in 1980 from Rush Medical College in Chicago, IL. He completed his residency at Cook County Hospital in 1983 and was instrumental in establishing the Emergency Medicine Residency Program at Cook County Hospital. Shortly thereafter, he earned his Juris Doctor degree from IIT Kent College of Law in 1987.

Dr. Sullivan has been board certified in emergency medicine for over 25 years; he is a Fellow in the American College of Emergency Physicians, a member of the American Medical Association, and an associate professor of emergency medicine at Cook County Hospital/Rush Medical College. Dr. Sullivan is a faculty member at ACEP's Emergency Department Directors Academy and has led the risk and safety lecture for medical directors over the past 12 years.

Outside of his professional career, Dr. Sullivan enjoys spending time with his wife (Andria) and his three adult children.