



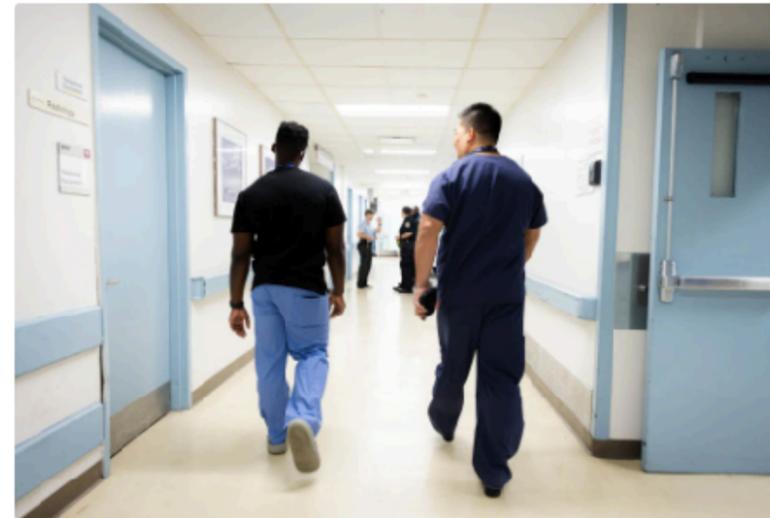
Day in the Life with Dr. Eric Wei, CEO NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue
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What happens when the person running the hospital is also the one rushing patients through its doors? Meet Dr. Eric Wei—CEO of NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue and a practicing emergency physician. In this Day in the Life photo essay, we follow him from the boardroom to the trauma bay, capturing the rare balance of high-stakes leadership and frontline medicine. Two roles. One mission. All in a day's work.

"I see approximately 20 – 30 patients per shift, and the reasons for admission to the ED varies—from accidents, gun shots, Level 1 traumas to critically ill patients being admitted for a range of conditions like heart attacks, stroke, behavioral health crisis, substance abuse and everything in between." -Dr. Eric Wei



"The pace in the emergency department picks up from around 9 a.m. and stays busy through the afternoon into the evening. The shape of patient arrival curve is pretty much the same every day with Mondays being the busiest, so we have to be prepared for the patients we know are coming." -Dr. Eric Wei



As is the case in all EDs, Dr. Wei works with a team of interdisciplinary providers – including radiology, EMIs, surgical, nursing, security and oftentimes, behavioral health and social work to deliver excellent care.



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Though the COVID-19 pandemic may be in the rearview mirror, another outbreak could just around the corner. It's an unknown that public health professionals in a city as diverse and international as New York must always be prepared for.

That's where NYC Health + Hospitals' System-wide Biopreparedness Program steps in. They orchestrate high-stakes simulation exercises across our facilities—immersive drills that test new equipment and skills and push our teams to the edge of readiness.

For this edition of Day in the Life, we went to NYC Health + Hospitals/South Brooklyn Health and shadowed the assembled team for a suspected Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) simulation.

The Briefing

This simulation exercise began with Syra Madad, Chief Biopreparedness Officer, NYC Health + Hospitals (center), welcoming participants and providing an overview of the day's simulation objectives, including piloting a portable isolation unit.

The simulation briefing continues with Keira Wickliffe Berger, Associate Director, System-wide Special Pathogens Program, NYC Health + Hospitals walking participants through the details of the scenario.

"This simulation exercise demonstrates what vigilance looks like: planning and preparing for the worst-case scenario, even as we hope it never comes. With emerging infectious diseases, it is no longer a question of *if*, but *when*, and exercises like this help ensure we are ready." Keira Wickliffe Berger, Associate Director, System-wide Special Pathogens Program, NYC Health + Hospitals



Lisa McCrimmon, Resident Regional Manager, Environmental Services, NYC Health + Hospitals/South Brooklyn Health, tests protocols for decontamination, waste management, and post-event recovery of the isolation unit. Isolation units must be cleaned and disinfected using an EPA registered disinfectant approved for MERS-CoV or human coronaviruses utilizing the appropriate contact times.