



## **A Call to Leadership: Complexity in Global Health**

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The Covid pandemic has revealed the global response complexities of a long-term crisis with differing arcs of time and no clear endpoint. This pandemic is unrivaled in our lifetimes, both in scope and environment, and therefore has required us to respond essentially blindly, in uncharted waters. In addition, other disasters have not gone away. During the pandemic, we have witnessed the most active hurricane season in the Caribbean in recorded history, monstrous bushfires in Australia, a famine in East Africa, a refugee crisis in Syria and Bangladesh, and the Beirut explosion. Implementing the necessarily draconian non-pharmaceutical interventions required in this pandemic to bridge the world to vaccine-mediated herd immunity and effective therapeutics, has adversely affected our preparedness and response capacity to the myriad of natural and manmade disasters we see every year.

In this presentation, Dr. Ciottone will present a new model of integrated crisis leadership and Disaster Medicine that is required to enhance "all-hazards" resiliency in the complex post-Covid environment. He will argue that in disaster preparedness and crisis public health, we must truly consider the world a global community and transcend geopolitical borders in an effort towards the unification of response efforts. While not as devastating as Covid, recent pandemics have given us the warnings and opportunities to hone our overall disaster resiliency. If we don't heed those warnings and learn from our mistakes, we may not be given many more chances to get it right.