Responding to the Acute Ventilator Shortage in the (former) COVID-19 Epicenter of New York

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NEEDS ASSESSMENT
The Covid-19 pandemic has caused widespread strain on hospital systems throughout the US and across the globe. Abrupt surges in demand for critical care resources has threatened to outstrip supply in several areas, perhaps none more pressing at the beginning of the first US wave than for ventilators and ICU staff. This presentation will discuss provide firsthand account of the response to the Covid-19 surge in New York, with discussion focusing primarily on the ventilator shortage. Lessons learned and recommendations to prevent a recurring crisis will be discussed.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
At the conclusion of this talk, individuals will:

1. Describe the context and real-time response to the Covid-19 ICU surge and critical care shortages at New York City's largest hospital network

2. Weigh ethical considerations stemming from the Covid-19 ICU staffing and ventilator shortages

3. Explore lessons learned to consider in tackling future shortages of ventilators and other critical hospital supplies.

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