

Meeting Follow-up Comments

It was a pleasure to be involved with the group! You, Larry and Lance did a great job of stimulating thought and helping us to think outside the box. I also truly enjoyed the personalized tour Lance gave us of the research center after the meeting adjourned! I hope to continue to participate in this process...

Regards,

Ted Crites
American Red Cross
Washington, DC

I want to join the Special Task Force. I thought the April 29 meeting in which you discussed the differences between a "complex" systems approach and a "complicated" medical approach was one of the best activities I have participated in a very long time. I actually came back to NSC headquarters and told executive management about the experience. We are going to do something similar with our core product areas.

Donna Siegfried
Senior Director,
First Aid, National Safety Council

If we are to make progress in getting more victims rescued from Sudden Cardiac Arrest, which we now know is an entirely survivable event (as many as 50% can return to their pre arrest lives) we need more unconventional thinking, not the same as before, not the same things tried for the last 50 years. Indeed, we must shift our approach in this public health problem that each day ends almost a thousand lives prematurely across America.

Rethinking the System of Survival for Sudden Cardiac Arrest, a new unconventional program from Organizational Dynamics graduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania is leading the way. Join it!

Best regards,

Ward M. Hamilton
Senior Vice President
Vice President Marketing
ZOLL Medical Corporation

The pleasure was all mine to be included in such an impressive group to work on such an important mission. I found the process fascinating... I am looking forward to the next meeting.

Charlee Tufts
Executive Director/CEO,
Greenwich Emergency Medical Services (GEMS)
Greenwich, CT

The work you have been doing is so exciting! I'm looking forward to reading more about the event on the website.

Kind regards,

Raina Merchant, MD MS
Assistant Professor
University of Pennsylvania
Department of Emergency Medicine

This meeting provided us with a splendid opportunity to embrace new thoughts, but also to begin to learn a new way of rigorous thinking. Rather than fear complexity, and consequently rely on the fatally flawed assumption that all other things remain the same when considering a single variable, systems thinking explicitly and rigorously accounts for complexity and the multiple nonlinear interactions between system components. In the absence of the entirely novel application of well-developed methodology to a longstanding problem, the SCA community will be perpetually stuck in the same rut, and like Sisyphus eternally fail to progress.

Nicholas Bircher
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA

The approach presented provides both an insightful and practical approach for improving resuscitation outcomes. The challenge is in bringing together and organizing the stakeholders in ways that allows the process to work for individual hospitals.

Mary E. Mancini, RN, PhD, NE-BC, FAHA, FAAN
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I did enjoy visiting with you and your group and participating in the discussion. You and Larry have assembled a great group of talent to take on this challenging task.... You have several members that are strategic leaders at the staff and volunteer level within AHA and I know that they will serve this project well.

Please do keep me in the loop about the progress your group is making.

Best regards,

John Meiners
Executive Vice President - Emergency Cardiovascular Care & Global Strategies
American Heart Association
National Center
