HHS/ASPR COVID-19 Outpatient Therapeutics Mini-Series Session #4—Monoclonal Antibodies: A Healthcare System's Approach Wednesday, January 13, 2020 (12-1 PM ET)

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Gandhi is a Deputy Editor of NEJM Journal Watch Infectious Diseases and NEJM Journal Watch HIV/AIDS. Dr. Gandhi graduated from Harvard Medical School, completed his medical residency and chief residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and his infectious diseases fellowship training at Johns Hospital.

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Dr. Inga Lennes is the Senior Vice President for Ambulatory Practice Improvement and the Patient Experience at Massachusetts General Hospital for the Physicians' Organization. She is a practicing thoracic medical oncologist and health care delivery researcher with a focus on early lung cancer detection. She was formerly the Director of Clinical Quality and the Medical Director for Ambulatory Services for the MGH Cancer Center. She went to the University of Massachusetts Medical School and completed internal medicine residency and chief residency at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, MA. Dr. Lennes completed a fellowship in medical oncology at Dana Farber Cancer Institute and joined the MGH and Harvard Medical School faculty in 2009. In 2011, she earned a Masters in Public Health from Harvard University and

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As the SVP for ambulatory operations, Dr. Lennes oversees the management of a large ambulatory enterprise across MGH clinic sites where 12,000 patients are seen each day. The Practice Improvement team manages the training of practice staff managing front desk and scheduling operations and oversees a large centralized call center that supports MGH ambulatory care. Access to outpatient care is an important focus of her work and includes optimizing ambulatory schedules, digitizing scheduling algorithms, improving the use of the electronic health record scheduling system and creating data outputs that aid in management. The team is focused on transforming the ambulatory experience by implementing digital health solutions for better patient communication and access. The patient experience team is charged with overseeing the collection of patient experience data for all care settings and leading training efforts and workflow redesign efforts to improve the service to patients.

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Dr. Horton is part of the COVID-19 Telemedicine Clinic, which offers video visits and telephone consults for patients with mild to moderate COVID-19, as well as interdisciplinary specialty care for patients with post-acute and chronic COVID.

She is currently serving as the Medical Director of Contract Tracing for UCSD Health, within the Department of Infection Prevention and Clinical Epidemiology.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic she was serving as the site director for the Asylum Seekers Shelter Health Screening Assessment Program at UC San Diego School of Medicine and studies the impact of infectious diseases on refugees and migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border.

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Dr. Horton completed fellowship training in infectious disease at UC San Diego School of Medicine. She completed residency training in internal medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York. She earned her medical degree and master's degree in public health from Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston. She is board certified in internal medicine and infectious disease.

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