### **Guest Speakers**



Molly Murch, MSN, RN-BC, SCRN, CBIS, Stroke Program Educator, is the stroke program educator at Essentia Health in Fargo, ND. Molly graduated from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks in December 2008 with her BSN and in

May 2020 with her Masters in Nurse Education. Molly has 16 years' experience as a Med/Surg nurse and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years as a nurse educator. Molly is certified in stroke care and brain injury.



#### **Brandon Bettis**

was born and raised in Phoenix, AZ and graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in Justice Studies. Upon graduation, Brandon entered the United States Army. In 2016, Brandon and his family left active duty and

moved home to Arizona. Brandon still serves in the Army Reserves as a Major with the Selective Service System.

With his active-duty career complete, Brandon found a new purpose in life and now serves others as a holistic financial planner. Brandon is the "Director of Client Enrichment" on a team of advisors and their focus is education, planning, investing, and creating a better life for their clients. He spends his time creating relationships that foster client partnerships, mentoring transitioning service members and first reponders, buying hair care products, and serving as a Team Leader with Mighty Oaks.

## Agenda

1700-1705 Welcome and Introduction

Chad Olson, NRP/FP-C

1705-1715 Astera Health Status

**Update and Message to EMS** 

Joel Beiswenger President and CEO

1715-1815 Case Review Medley

Rachel Redig, MD Medical Director

1815-1845 **Dinner Break** 

1845-2000 The Role of EMS in Stroke Care

Molly Murch, MSN, RN-BC, SCRN, CBIS, Stroke Program Educator

2000-2015 **Break** 

2015-2130 Responder Resiliency

**Brandon Bettis** 

2130-2145 External Awards/Recognition

Closing Remarks
Chad Olson, NRP/FP-C

\*Astera Health EMS awards will be presented at next meeting; CE certificates will be emailed to registered attendees or those on departmental combined sign in sheets.

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## **Target Audience**

**EMS Personnel:** First responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency room nurses, emergency medical service educators and emergency personnel from fire and police departments are encouraged to attend.

This four-hour program is designed to provide education for personnel in the EMS system.

### **Credits**

This program meets criteria for continuing education established by the National Registry of EMTs for three continuing education hours. This course has been approved by the Peace Officers Standards and Training Board (POST) for continuing education credit. Officers are expected to keep a record of the continuing education courses they have attended and be able to verify their attendance. Online registration at asterahealth.org/events is required to receive credit for the three continuing education hours. Training vendors are encouraged to give officers a certificate of completion or other proof of completion for the officers' records. The proof of completion must contain the name of the training provider, course title, instructor name, date and hours attended.



## **Program Faculty**



Chad Olson, NRP/FP-C, began his career in emergency medical services in 2015 when he became an EMT and joined Astera Health. Since then, he has pursued continued professional development, earning certifications as a DOT and AHA instructor. In addition to his work in EMS, Chad has been a dedicated member of the Clarissa Fire Dept.

since 2012, where he has held multiple leadership roles and currently serves as a captain. He graduated with honors from the NDSCS Paramedic Program in 2021 and further advanced his expertise by obtaining his FP-C (Certified Flight Paramedic) certification in 2023. Chad currently serves as the EMS Manager at Astera Health, where he brings extensive experience, strong leadership, and a dedication to excellence in prehospital care.



Tom Krueger, NRP/CP, CCEMT-P, is the EMS Education and Emergency Management Coordinator for Astera Health. He is a 1991 graduate of Davenport College CSEMS in Grand Rapids, Michigan (Paramedic) and a 2022 graduate of SCTCC with an AAS in Paramedicine. Tom is also credentialed as a Community Paramedic and Critical Care

Paramedic (UMBC). He started his Paramedic career in Wisconsin and then moved to Chicago where he served as a Paramedic Officer with the Cicero Fire Department and an EMS Instructor and Field Preceptor for the Loyola University EMS System. Tom has served in EMS, Law Enforcement, the Fire Service, and Emergency Management over a 35-year career. In addition to his role at Astera Health, Tom enjoys doing outreach education with the CALS Program in the greater Minnesota area.



Rachel Redig, MD, has been an emergency room physician at Astera Health since 2017. Dr. Redig serves as Chief of Staff, Medical Director of the emergency department, Medical Director of EMS, and on the Astera Health Board of Directors. She attended the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences and completed her

residency at Grand Rapids Medical Education Partners in Michigan. Board certified in Emergency Medicine for 10-plus years.

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