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Biography

Comilla Sasson, MD, PhD received her M.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Medicine and completed her Emergency Medicine Residency at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. She received a Master of Science in Health and Health Services Research from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and a PhD in Health Services Research in 2014 from the Colorado School of Public Health. She continues to work clinically in the Emergency Department at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Aurora, CO and maintains appointments in the Colorado School of Public Health and University of Colorado School of Medicine. She has authored 68 publications in peer-reviewed journals, including original work on geographic, racial/ethnic and socioeconomic disparities in bystander CPR and survival from cardiac arrest. Her research interests include decreasing health disparities in cardiac arrest survival, utilizing research methods to systematically improve communities, and working with partners to improve the chain of survival.

Dr. Sasson will begin a new role as the Vice President for Science & Innovation for Emergency Cardiovascular Care at the American Heart Association starting in Oct. 2018. She is committed to working to decrease health disparities, and to use a community-based participatory research approach to identify and implement solutions to improve the health and wellbeing of community members. She also serves as the 9News Medical Expert, helping to bring medical and public health information to the Colorado community.