

“I never imagined I would finish my fellowship in geriatrics and palliative care in NYC being in the epicenter of a pandemic, seeing a city that never sleeps brought to its knees, crippled. Based on my specialties I'm used to ping-ponging between the ED, floor, ICUs and our hospice ward helping people at the end of their lives, but nothing prepares you for this. Seeing rows and rows of ICU rooms double occupied, makeshift ICUs and patients in places never meant for patients, yet the hallways and family rooms are empty with an air quite.

Everyone from the doctor to EHS is equal as all you can see is their eyes. However in all, I've never seen so many people step-up and respond to action to care for those in need and make sure patients are cared for and not alone, even with one's own health clearly at stake. It's been over 2 months and most have seen more death than would have seen in a life time. We thankfully are returning to normal, but what scares is what will "normal" be.”

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