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Dr. O'Brien is a veteran critical care paramedic, EMS educator and EMS physician. His clinical practice is split between shifts in the Emergency Department and operational medicine/field response. He provides medication direction to Erie Community College's EMS training programs and the Niagara County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Response Team. Additionally, he is a Medical Director and Flight Physician for Mercy Flight of Western New York.

Dr. O'Brien's research interests center around extracorporeal life support (ECLS) and prehospital resuscitation. He and his colleagues in the Department of Emergency Medicine's EMS Division are currently working to enhance cardiac arrest survival in the City of Buffalo and its surrounding communities. He is a frequent speaker on topics, such as out of hospital cardiac arrest, operational/austere medicine and the ethics of emergency care. He is double board certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine in Emergency Medicine and Emergency Medical Services. He serves on national committees with both the National Association of EMS Physicians, the American College of Emergency Physicians and the Air Medical Physician Association