

Clinical Seminar Topic

National and Local Emergencies

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Objectives

- Describe the role of health care team members (departmental/institutional) in responding/reacting to a local or national emergencies, disasters and accidents.

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**TODAY IS THE DAY BEFORE
ARE YOU READY FOR TOMORROW?**



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National Emergency

noun

- a state of emergency resulting from a danger or threat of danger to a nation from foreign or domestic sources and usually declared to be in existence by governmental authority

therefore I ... do proclaim the existence of a *national emergency* — H.S. Truman



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- *National Preparedness Month* is observed each September in the United States of America
- Sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency(FEMA) within the Department of Homeland Security
- Encourages Americans to take steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, schools, and communities

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Local Emergencies

- Natural disasters
- Technological disasters
- Major transportation accidents
- Terrorism
- Nuclear, biological, chemical and radiologic events



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How do we prepare ourselves?

- Identify events that could occur internally or in the area
- Determine the probability that each event will occur
- Develop strategies for dealing with each event



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Emergency Operations Plan

- Facility's documentation of their strategies for dealing with disasters
- A good EOP should address each phase of disaster management:
 - Mitigation
 - Preparedness
 - Response
 - Recovery
- It also should include plans for:
 - Communication
 - Resources and assets
 - Safety and security
 - Staff responsibilities
 - Utilities
 - Clinical activities



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Reading Hospital EOP

- Levels of activation:
 - Alert – The hospital is on standby mode
 - Internal event – An event that involves any part of the campus which may require the activation of Emergency Management Plan to mobilize staff and equipment
 - External Event – An event that occurs outside the hospital campus that may require mobilization of the Emergency Management Plan for resources
- If the EOP is activated, and Emergency Management Center is established with a telephone ext. 9111
 - Employees can dial ext. 8600 in order to check the operating status of the Hospital and to find out additional details of the emergency
 - All staff remains on duty to await assignment and may not leave until dismissed by supervisory personnel

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Radiology Departments Emergency Preparedness Disaster Plan

- Located at the Control Desk
- Recognize a non-medical emergency and call x8222
 - Notify operator of type of incident and location
- Remove patients and combustibles
- Close windows and doors
- Stay at work until drill or disaster is terminated
- Do not start new procedures
- Remain calm and stay with your patient



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In addition....

- Attend at least one in-service training session
- Know the locations of all exits, all fire extinguishers, fire plan, and emergency preparedness plan within the department
- Be familiar with the plan as it applies to the department



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What is your role at the School of Health Sciences

- If you need the fire department, police, or ambulance service, ALWAYS call 911 first
 - If possible, use the dedicated red phone on 2nd floor lobby
- Then contact Security Command Center
 - 8222
 - SCC will make all appropriate notifications necessary



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- Where are other emergency phones?
 - Elevator emergency call buttons - goes to SCC
 - Outside blue kiosk – goes to SCC
- You could overhead page if necessary
- We also have the Everbridge Emergency notification



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Designated Evacuation Areas

- School of Health Sciences
 - Interior – Charles Sullivan auditorium
 - Exterior – Upper Parking lot
- Main Hospital Campus
 - Employee cafeteria
 - TJ auditorium

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Student Participation in Emergency Management Plan

- For major or minor external or internal alert
- VOLUNTARY basis
- Administrators, Directors, and Faculty with encourage students to fulfill the ethical obligation to support the needs of the hospital and its patient population

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If an event occurs and you are...

- At an outpatient campus:
 - Faculty will notify you and you should keep the Faculty aware of your location at all times during the event. Do not return to the campus unless instructed.
- On campus:
 - Remain on campus. The Faculty will notify you and provide further direction
- Attending class at the school:
 - Remain on campus. Follow the direction of the scheduled instructor

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9/11 Emergency Room Documentary

<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x31boix>

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