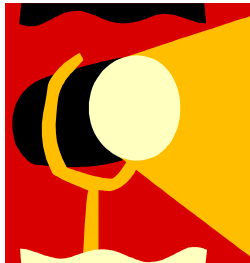


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Spotlight on: DISASTER MEDICINE RESOURCES

Disaster Medicine is the branch of medicine involved with management and organization of public health response to disasters and major events including the special health and medical needs of a community in a disaster.

International Organizations and Initiatives

The World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine



WADEM is an international organization recognized for working with partners to disseminate scientific evidence and best practices in prehospital and emergency health care, public health, and disaster health and preparedness and provide academic and evidence-based input into the development/review of relevant policies and educational programs. On the web-site you can find information about activities, events, publications, guidelines for evaluation and research, research

repository, links to other useful resources. Some full-text resources are available only to members.

<http://www.wadem.org/>

ReliefWeb



United Nations website providing information to humanitarian relief organizations.

Updated daily. There is also a directory of non-governmental organizations. ReliefWeb has been the leading online source for reliable and timely humanitarian information on global crises and disasters since 1996. You can browse by country for overviews, news,

analysis and maps on crises and disasters. Topic pages offer in-depth content from ReliefWeb combined with external content streams organized by themes and disaster types. In Training section you can find humanitarian training programs.

<http://reliefweb.int/>

Evidence Aid



Evidence Aid is an international initiative that was established following the tsunami in the Indian Ocean in December 2004. It uses knowledge from systematic reviews to provide reliable, up-to-date evidence on interventions that might be considered in the context of natural disasters and other major healthcare emergencies.

Evidence Aid seeks to highlight which interventions work, which don't work, which need more research, and which, no matter how well meaning, might be harmful; and to provide this information to agencies and people planning for, or responding to, disasters.

The main source of systematic reviews for Evidence Aid have been Cochrane Reviews. The Evidence Aid team continues to assess the titles, protocols and full reviews to identify those of potential relevance to Evidence Aid.

The resources include short evidence summaries and links to the full Cochrane Reviews, available free of charge.

<http://www.evidenceaid.org>

Journals

PLOS Currents: Disasters



PLOS Currents: Disasters is a new open-access publication from the Public Library of Science for the rapid communication of new research results and operational analyses derived from the study or management of all types of disasters.

The aim of PLOS Currents: Disasters is to provide a new channel, particularly for data and analyses that might not otherwise be openly shared or where rapid and timely sharing is especially important, while ensuring that they will be permanently archived and citable.

The site provides immediate open access to all content, ensuring that authors reach the widest possible audience. The content is published under a Creative Commons Attribution License, enabling unrestricted distribution and use of the published materials, provided that its authors are properly credited.

<http://currents.plos.org/disasters/>

Prehospital and Disaster Medicine



Prehospital and Disaster Medicine (PDM) is an official publication of the World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine.

It is one of the leading scientific journals focusing on pre-hospital, emergency and disaster

health. It is a peer-reviewed international journal, published bi-monthly, providing a readable, usable worldwide source of research and analysis. Its readership includes physicians, professors, EMTs and paramedics, nurses, emergency managers, disaster planners, hospital administrators, sociologists, and psychologists. Access to full-text through HINARI.

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayJournal?jid=PDM>

Guides and Collections of Links

Resource Guide for Disaster Medicine and Public Health



The Resource Guide for Disaster Medicine and Public Health is a gateway to freely available online resources related to disaster medicine and public health. Resources include expert guidelines, factsheets, websites, videos, research reports, articles, and other tools aimed at the public health community.

<http://disasterlit.nlm.nih.gov/>

MedlinePLUS Disaster Preparation and Recovery



From the National Library of Medicine. Links to overviews, videos, basic medical information and research articles. One of the

leading initiatives in providing web-based consumer health information. MedlinePlus has extensive information from the National Institutes of Health and other trusted sources

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/disasterpreparationandrecovery.html>

Disaster medicine and preparedness information resources. Mobile resources

Guide is prepared by the Carilion Clinic Health Sciences Libraries

<http://libguides.jchs.edu/content.php?pid=417372&sid=3427266>

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- Telemedicine
- Online collaboration tools
- Evidence-based information search tools

AIHA Related Resources

Emergency Medicine Resources. *Internet Resources Digest, May 2013*

http://www.healthconnect-intl.org/files/ir-bulletin/IRD_May13.pdf

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