

Public Health Preparedness Summit 2020 PROPOSED Abstracts

Title	Pediatric Outpatient/Urgent-care Emergency and Disaster Planning
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Format	90-minute Learning Session
Abstract	<p>Abstract content:</p> <p>Children are frequently victims of disasters; however important gaps remain in pediatric disaster preparedness planning. This includes a lack of resources for disaster planning for pediatric patients in pediatric outpatient/Urgent-care facilities. The New York City Pediatric Disaster Coalition (NYCPDC) is funded by the New York City (NYC) Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) to improve NYC’s pediatric disaster preparedness and response. The NYCPDC is comprised of experts in emergency preparedness, pediatric critical care, surgery, and emergency medicine, as well as representatives from local emergency management, first responder, and public health agencies.</p> <p>After creating resources for disaster planning in Pediatric Long-Term Care Facilities, Hospital Pediatric Departments, Pediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care Units and Obstetric/Newborn Services within NYC hospitals, the NYC PDC partnered with leaders and experts from Outpatient/Urgent-Care facilities caring for pediatric patients and created the Pediatric Outpatient Disaster Planning Committee (PODPC).</p>

The PODPC includes physicians, nurses, administrators and emergency planning experts who have experience working with outpatient facilities. Participants included 21 committee members from 8 organizations (the NYCPDC, NYC DOHMH, Community Healthcare Association of New York State, State Department of Health (NYSDOH), local hospitals and health systems). The PODPC's goal was to create guidelines and templates for use in disaster planning for pediatric patients at Outpatient/Urgent-Care facilities. The committee met six times over a four-month period and shared information to create disaster planning tools that meet the specific pediatric challenges in the outpatient setting. Utilizing an iterative process that included a literature review, participant presentations and discussions, and review and improvement of the working documents. The final guidelines and templates for surge and evacuation of pediatric patients in outpatient facilities were completed in February 2018. Subsequently, model plans were completed and implemented at five NYC Outpatient and /Urgent-Care facilities.

Participants in this session, during an interactive process, will learn about the special needs of children in outpatient settings, in regard to space, equipment, staffing and training. The importance of matching available resources to these unique needs, thereby, providing the best outcomes will be emphasized. Utilizing the NYCPDC guidelines and templates participants will learn how to create pediatric specific annexes to overall disaster preparedness and response plans in their Outpatient/Urgent-Care facilities.

Draft Learning Objectives: (please list three)

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Describe the unique triage, treatment, surge/ evacuation needs for children in disasters for Outpatient/Urgent Care facilities.2. Explain the importance of matching resources to pediatric needs in fulfill the needs of the Outpatient/Urgent Care facilities.3. Utilize the guidelines/templates provided to develop pediatric disaster plans for the Outpatient /Urgent Care facilities. |
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