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Title	Pediatric Outpatient/Urgent-care Emergency and Disaster Planning
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Abstract	Background:
	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
	patients in pediatric outpatient/urgent-care facilities. The New York City Pediatric
	Disaster Coalition (NYC PDC) is funded by the New York City (NYC) Department of Health
	and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) to improve NYC's pediatric disaster preparedness. The
	PDC has created disaster plans in pediatric long-term care facilities, hospital
	departments, pediatric and neonatal intensive care units and obstetric/newborn services.
	Study Question: How can we incorporate pediatric outpatient/urgent-care facilities in to
	overall disaster planning?
	Method:
	The NYC PDC partnered with leaders and experts from outpatient/urgent-care facilities
	and created the Pediatric Outpatient Disaster Planning Committee (PODPC). The PODPC
	includes physicians, nurses, administrators and emergency planning experts in outpatient
	care. There were 21 Committee members from 8 organizations (the NYCPDC,

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Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), Community Healthcare Association of New York State, New York State Department of Health (DOH), multiple hospitals, and healthcare networks. The PODPC's goal was to create guidelines and templates for use in disaster planning for 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/urgent-care setting. The participants utilized an iterative process that included a literature review, participant presentations and review and improvement of the working documents. **Results:** The final guidelines and templates for surge and evacuation were created in February 2018. With the assistance of the NYC PDC, pediatric plans were completed and implemented at five NYC outpatient/urgent-care facilities. In 2019 a self-use toolkit was developed and utilized to create four model plans at four sites. **Conclusion & Health Policy Implications:** The NYC PDC has created an effective model self-use toolkit for outpatient/urgent-care surge and evacuation planning that can be utilized to expand preparedness to the healthcare community.