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UAB Hospital: Emergency Planning



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Management Committee



UAB Hospital Emergency Management Committee

- Co-Chaired by Physician (Sarah Nafziger) and Administrator (Don Lilly)
- Works very closely with Hospital Safety Officer (Dennis Stanek)
- Broad representation from all hospital departments
- Operational Committee that meets quarterly to oversee activities related to Emergency Planning for the hospital



UAB Hospital Emergency Management Committee

- Oversee biannual drills
 - Joint Commission requirement
 - Includes at least one community drill annually
 - Stand up Command Center
- Responsible for oversight of Emergency Management Standards for hospital
- Assist with Joint Commission compliance
 - e.g. Hazard Vulnerability Analysis
- Address new potential threats



Joint Commission: Emergency Management Standards

- EM Standard's Elements of Performance has increased from 37 to 66 effective Jan 1, 2008!
- Focus on 6 critical areas:
 - Communication
 - Resources and Assets
 - Safety and Security
 - Staff Responsibilities
 - Utilities Management
 - Patient Clinical and Support Activities
- 96 Hours of Self Sufficiency or Evacuation Plan



Preparation Strategies

- Use HVA approach
 - Natural, Technological, or Human Events
- Review Intrafacility Disaster Plans
 - Are they in agreement housewide?
 - Are they reasonable?



Preparation Strategies

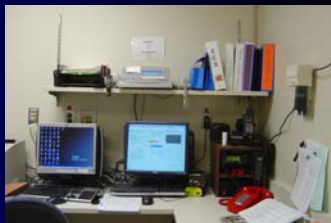
- Review MOA's for supply lines
 - Do we have supply agreements for things we may need in a disaster?
- Community-wide approach
 - MOA between local hospitals for evacuation
 - Pre-existing mutual aid agreements

Preparation Strategies

- National Incident Management System (NIMS) Command Structure
 - Assure leadership familiar with "lingo" and procedures (fema.gov)
- Command Center Practice
 - Hospital Incident Command System (HICS)
 - Tailor your plan to suit your hospital's needs

Communication

- Test your communication systems
- Have at least 2 backup plans



Resources and Assets

- Inventory of Assets (Equipment and Personnel)
 - Who in my hospital can tell me how many ventilators we have?
- Do we have enough food to last for 96 hours?
- Can we take conservation measures such as diverting non-potable water for things like flushing the toilets?

Safety and Security

- How can we secure our facility if we need to?

Staff Responsibilities

- Plans for reallocation of personnel
- Plans for taking care of your staff (and their families) during event
- Streamlining of resources to focus on critical functions
- Who's in charge?

Utilities Management

- Can we function without electricity?
- How much fuel do we have for our generators?
- Do we have enough bottled water on hand to last for 96 hours?

Patient Clinical and Support Activities

- Patient care comes first
- Special needs patients
- Mental Health issues
- Mortuary Services
- Medical Records

Thanks!