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Clinical Challenges in the Community Management of Patients with Special Needs in Disaster

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Course Description

The evolution of modern medical competencies and expanded populations of increased vulnerability pose a significant challenge to today's public health professional in providing shelter and support during times of disaster in both the urban and rural environment. This course will address some of the significant existing challenges and examine how the roles and responsibilities of responding/receiving personnel, triage and transport and the capabilities within communities can be enhanced through more extensive planning coupled with focused preparation. The application of lessons learned and the careful design of infrastructure, harvesting local experience on a global scale constitutes a critical resource for future problem solving and development in improving community response to disaster.

Learning Objectives

- Identify and analyze existing and emerging shortfalls in existing community medical capabilities
- Explore available means of satisfying identified shortfalls to acceptable standards through modifications to individual roles/competencies, processes, transport and facilities
- Examine opportunities for enhanced planning and process improvement through the effective harvesting of experience and implementation of community specific preparation and training

Preparedness & Response Core Competencies *Public Health Preparedness & Response Core Competency Model

- 3.2: Contribute expertise to the development of emergency plans.
- 3.3: Participate in improving the organization's capacities (Including, but not limited to programs, plans, policies, laws, and workforce training).

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