

**HEPP
Project
Fact Sheet**

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

QUICK FACTS

Scope of Services

Training 2009

- Pediatric Fundamental Critical Care Support Course for pediatric providers.

Committees 2009

- Hospitals with PICUs should contact project manager if interesting in participating in NYC Pediatric Disaster Coalition planning committees.

Exercises 2008

-Two Pediatric Disaster Blast Tabletop Exercises conducted.

Survey 2006-2007

- NYC Hospitals self-identified as PICU hospitals (n=26) or hospitals without PICUs (n=38) and completed the Pediatric Resource Emergency Preparedness Initiative (PREP-I) Survey.

Resources

1. Children in Disasters: Hospital Guidelines for Pediatric Preparedness, 3rd Edition, August 2008
2. NYC Hospital Pediatric Resource Directory, July 2008
3. Center for Pediatric Emergency Medicine Pediatric Disaster Blast Tabletop Exercise

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Goal

- Advise the health care community and NYC agencies on appropriate planning necessary to ensure the proper care of children and their families in the event of a disaster.

Objectives

- Develop guidelines that address the specific needs of the pediatric population and their families in disaster response preparation.
- Assess NYC hospitals' pediatric resources.
- Train hospital staff, even those who do not specialize in pediatrics, in the treatment and management of pediatric patients.

Accomplishments

- Created the Center for Bioterrorism Preparedness Planning (CBPP) Pediatric Task Force, which met bimonthly from 2005-July 2007, to discuss hospital mass casualty preparedness planning and pediatric-specific care considerations.
- Released the 3rd Edition of "Children in Disasters: Hospital Guidelines for Pediatric Preparedness" in August 2008.
 - Prepared originally by the CBPP Pediatric Task Force, under the guidance of the NYC DOHMH Pediatric Disaster Advisory Group, with contributions from the Center for Pediatric Emergency Medicine.
- Developed and conducted the Pediatric Resource Emergency Preparedness-Initiative (PREP-I) survey. The survey consisted of two phases:
 - Phase I: NYC Hospitals with Pediatric Intensive Care Units (PICUs) (n=26);
 - Phase II: NYC Hospitals without PICUs (n=38).
- Compiled NYC Pediatric Resource Data Summary.
- Compiled NYC Hospital Pediatric Resource Directory, July 2008
 - Available at: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/downloads/pdf/bhpp/hepp-peds-resdir-july08.pdf>
- Center for Pediatric Emergency Medicine (CPEM) developed a Pediatric Disaster Blast Tabletop Exercise:
 - Tabletop exercise piloted at two hospitals;
 - After-action report produced and final Pediatric Disaster Blast Tabletop Exercise released.

Future Activities

2009

- Pediatric Surge Conference, 5/20/09
- Development of recommendations for increasing NYC Pediatric Surge Capacity
- NYC Pediatric Disaster Coalition
 - Offering Pediatric Fundamental Critical Care Support Course in March 2009
 - Opportunity for hospitals with PICUs to be involved in planning committees dedicated to Citywide pediatric emergency preparedness