

ASPR Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response

Disaster Available Supplies in Hospitals (DASH) Tool

A free interactive, online planning tool to help hospital emergency planners and supply chain staff estimate supplies that may need to be immediately available during mass casualty incidents (MCI) and infectious disease emergencies.

Natural disasters, MCIs, and public health emergencies can strike at any time, sometimes concurrently, anywhere in the nation. Our stakeholders who work in hospitals deal with stressed supply chains every day. Hospitals relying on just-in-time inventory and low-unit-of measure strategies run the risk of not having enough supplies when a disaster strikes. ASPR TRACIE, in collaboration with Healthcare Ready and many other partners and subject matter experts, created DASH to help hospitals estimate which supplies they should have on hand for most emergencies.

The logo for the Disaster Available Supplies in Hospitals (DASH) tool. It features the word "DASH" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The letter "H" is stylized, with a white arrow pointing to the right, integrated into its vertical stroke.

DASH is comprised of four complementary modules: the Hospital Pharmacy Module, the Personal Protective Equipment Module, the Burn Supply Module, and the Trauma Supply Module. Each module also incorporates pediatric sizes and specific medication needs as appropriate to the incident. Users can discuss their results with their supply chain vendors, health care coalition members, and other partners as part of overall facility and community-wide emergency planning.

Together, these modules can provide hospitals a holistic view of the supplies needed to prepare for various types of incidents.

DASH can help hospitals plan for most incidents that may occur and emphasizes flexibility in selecting commonly available or familiar supplies to meet recommended quantities in each category.

DID YOU KNOW?

ASPR TRACIE's Assistance Center is open Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm ET (excluding federal holidays). Users can connect to TA specialists who have knowledge in public health and health care preparedness.

To learn more, scan the QR code, visit www.dashtool.org or contact askasprtracie@hhs.gov.
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