

ASPR TRACIE Technical Assistance Request

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Response Date: 21 September 2016

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Request:

[REDACTED] requested technical assistance in researching emergency medical planning guides for individuals, families, and households. He noted he would also like to identify resources with local considerations (e.g., closest hospital or pharmacy). [REDACTED] mentioned that he located a number of general planning guides (e.g., ready.gov, and other FEMA resources), but would like specific medical planning guides.

Response:

The ASPR TRACIE Team reviewed several existing and in-progress [Topic Collections](#) and pulled pertinent resources. Of particular relevance are the [Pharmacy Topic Collection](#), [Dialysis Centers Topic Collection](#), [Access and Functional Needs Topic Collection](#), and the [Homecare Topic Collection](#). The resources collected are categorized as follows:

- Prescription/ Medication-related Resources (includes resources for individuals needing medications during emergencies)
- Dialysis Patient-related Resources (provides preparedness information for individuals requiring dialysis)
- Various Access and Functional Needs-related Resources (while not all materials in this section are specific to medical planning, these “generalized” resources can help individuals and families prepare for various hazards)

I. Prescription/ Medication-related Resources

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. (2015). [Getting Medical Care and Prescription Drugs in a Disaster or Emergency Area](#).

This fact sheet is intended for Medicare patients and provides information about how to see doctors and other providers, get prescription drugs and extended day supplies, pay Medicare premiums, and receive dialysis or chemotherapy. It also describes how to replace a Medicare card, or lost or damaged durable medical equipment or supplies that Medicare paid for.

Express Scripts. (2015). [Emergency Preparedness for Prescription Medications.](#)

This post provides quick tips and recommendations on how individuals can manage preparations for chronic medications when planning for severe weather emergencies.

Healthcare Ready (formerly Rx Response). (2013). [Rx On the Run.](#)

This online tool can be used by the general public and enables users to print a personalized medication wallet card that documents prescriptions, dosages, and other important medical information. These cards can help people access their medical records or refill prescriptions after a disaster or public health emergency.

Healthcare Ready (formerly Rx Response). (2013). [Rx Open.](#)

This website helps emergency management teams and the general public locate operating pharmacies in areas affected by natural disasters or public health emergencies. The tool provides maps to identify the location of open and closed pharmacies using Google Maps. The website is free to the public when activated at the request of state or federal officials.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration. (n.d.). [Safe Drug Use after a Natural Disaster.](#) (Accessed 9/16/2016.)

The Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration offers information on the use of drugs that have been potentially affected by fire, flooding or unsafe water, and the use of temperature-sensitive drug products when refrigeration is temporarily unavailable.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration. (2013). [Information Regarding Insulin Storage and Switching Between Products in an Emergency.](#)

Insulin from various manufacturers is often made available to patients in an emergency and may be different from a patient's usual insulin. After a disaster, patients in the affected area may not have access to refrigeration. This website provides information for patients and providers regarding those issues.

II. Dialysis Patient-related Resources

DaVita. (2015). [Emergency Preparedness for People with Kidney Disease. \(Includes basic kit information and "The 3-day emergency diet."\)](#)

DaVita shares emergency preparedness information for patients on dialysis to ensure they can receive necessary treatment or lessen the impact of missing a dialysis session.

Kopp, J., Ball, K., Cohen, A., et al. (2007). [Kidney Patient Care in Disasters: Emergency Planning for Patients and Dialysis Facilities.](#) Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology. 2(4): 825-38.

The authors of this article review the disaster-specific patient care recommendations that have been put forward by the Kidney Community Emergency Response Coalition. They also provide a detailed overview of the disaster planning process from the perspectives of kidney patients, dialysis facilities, and volunteer nephrology professionals who may participate in disaster relief.

National Kidney Foundation. (2010). [Planning for Emergencies: A Guide for People With Chronic Kidney Disease](#). National Kidney Foundation.

The authors share tips for people with kidney disease to consider in preparation for various types of disasters.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (2015). [Preparedness Tip: Dialysis & Early Treatment](#).

This 10-second (un-narrated) video encourages dialysis patients to ask their provider about receiving treatment before a storm strikes.

END STAGE RENAL DISEASE NETWORKS

Network 1 (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT): [End-Stage Renal Disease Network of New England](#).

Network 11 (MI, MN, ND, SD): [Renal Network 11](#).

Network 12 (IA, KS, MO, NE): [Heartland Kidney Network](#).

Network 13 (OK, AR, LA): [End-Stage Renal Disease Network 13](#).

Network 14 (TX): [End-Stage Renal Disease Network of Texas](#).

Network 15 (AZ, CO, NM, NV, UT, & WY): [InterMountain ESRD Network, Inc.](#)

Network 16 (AK, ID, MT, OR, WA): [Northwest Renal Network](#).

Network 17 (AS, Guam, HI, Mariana Islands, Northern CA): [Western Pacific Renal Network, LLC](#).

Network 18 (Southern CA): [ESRD Network 18 of Southern California](#).

Network 2 (NY): [End-Stage Renal Disease Network of New York](#).

Network 3 (NJ, PR, U.S. VI): [Quality Insights \(Renal Network 3\)](#).

Network 4 (PA, DE): [Quality Insights \(Renal Network 4\)](#).

Network 5 (MD, VA, WV, District of Columbia): [Mid-Atlantic Renal Coalition](#).

Network 6 (NC, SC, GA): [Southeastern Kidney Council, Inc.](#)

Network 7 (FL): [FMQAI Network 7.](#)

Network 8 (AL, MS, TN): [Network 8, Inc.](#)

Networks 9 (IN, KY, OH) and 10 (IL): [The Renal Network \(ESRD Networks 9 and 10\).](#)

III. Various Access and Functional Needs-related Resources

Administration for Community Living. (2014). [Keeping Older Americans and People with Disabilities Safe and Healthy during Emergencies.](#) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

This webpage includes resources for individuals, service providers (including homecare providers), and community members on ensuring the safety of older Americans during emergency situations. Also included are links to resources, checklists, and apps for older adults and those with special needs and links to national guidance documents for higher level planning at the community, organization/system, and state levels.

American Red Cross. (n.d.). [Disaster Preparedness for Seniors by Seniors.](#) (Accessed 9/16/2016.)

The following document provides essential preparedness information for seniors and potentially those in home care situations regarding making a plan, getting a kit and being informed during an emergency.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2012). [Emergency Preparedness for Older Adults.](#)

This portal provides links to information, tools, and resources to assist in multi-sector planning for older adults in all-hazard emergencies. In addition to planning tools, this site also includes legal information and training resources.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (n.d.). [Information for Pregnant Women - Fact Sheet.](#) (Accessed 9/16/2016.)

This fact sheet helps pregnant women and women with infants or young children in planning for an emergency or disaster.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Emergency Risk Communication Branch, Division of Emergency Operations, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response. (2015). [Information for Pregnant Women.](#)

This website provides links to general resources on protecting health during a disaster and disaster-specific resources (e.g., anthrax, radiation, and smallpox).

Gibson, H. (n.d.). [Before Its Too Late: Planning for an Emergency](#). (Accessed 9/16/2016.) Caregiver.com.

This article provides a general overview for seniors and caregivers about emergency preparedness. It includes a list of supplies and suggestions for ensuring equipment will be accessible and durable in the event of an emergency.

Santa Clara County Public Health Department. (2015). [Home Care Guide: Providing Care at Home during Pandemic Flu](#).

This guide can help people create a plan for and recognize the signs of influenza and care for themselves or others sick with the virus. It is available in several languages.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration. (n.d.). [FDA Offers Tips about Medical Devices and Hurricane Disasters](#). (Accessed 9/16/2016.)

This website offers guidance on the general safety and operation of medical devices following hurricanes.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Administration for Children & Families, Office of Human Services Emergency Preparedness & Response. (2013). [Infant Feeding During Disasters](#).

This infographic summarizes key points including the importance of continued breastfeeding, common nursing challenges, and how first responders and other providers can assist and support women to continue breastfeeding.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response. (2015). [Disaster Preparedness Planning for Older Adults](#).

This website provides links to resources that can help assist older adults and seniors prepare for a myriad of emergencies including large scale disasters.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Women's Health. (2011). [Emergency Preparedness](#).

This website, created by the Office of Women's Health, provides information on emergency planning for pregnant women and new mothers (e.g., hygiene, disaster supply kit materials, and information on how to carry a baby in a sling for safe transport).