ASPR TRACIE Technical Assistance Request

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Request:

The requestor asked ASPR TRACIE for information to assist in the development of a survey for a pediatric disaster coalition to examine disaster knowledge and staff perceived level of preparedness.

Response:

The ASPR TRACIE Team reviewed existing materials, namely the Pediatric Topic Collection. We also conducted a search online for healthcare disaster preparedness survey-related materials.

Section I includes ASPR TRACIE-developed resources related to a series of projects exploring the role of various healthcare settings in healthcare system surge response. They include interview guides and questions that may be helpful for formulating preparedness survey questions for healthcare staff. Section II provides additional resources that address healthcare and disaster-related survey questions and results. It is important to note that survey questions specific to pediatrics were difficult to gather. However, we believe that the resources found can be tailored to meet the needs of other target audiences.

A list of comprehensively developed Topic Collections can be found here: [https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/technical-resources/topic-collection](https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/technical-resources/topic-collection).

I. ASPR TRACIE-Developed Resources

Medical Surge and the Role of Urgent Care Centers: This report summarizes findings from interviews ASPR TRACIE conducted with urgent care leaders representing centers from 44 states to collect their feedback on the role of urgent care centers in the nation’s healthcare preparedness and response activities. Appendix A of the report is the interview guide, which may be helpful in formulating questions for your survey. A one-page fact sheet summarizes the report and an accompanying technical assistance document offers questions and answers that may also be informative for your survey.

Medical Surge and the Role of Health Clinics: ASPR TRACIE followed up the urgent care project with a similar effort focused on Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, and Free and Charitable Clinics. While not directed at the urgent care setting, many of the questions in the survey instrument in Appendix A and interview discussion guide in Appendix B may be modified for your setting. Like the urgent care project, the health clinic project has an accompanying fact sheet and technical assistance document.
II. Additional Disaster Survey Resources


This document provides the results of a survey that was conducted to assess the current levels of preparedness of Michigan’s Federally Qualified Health Centers. Survey questions are included as an appendix. **NOTE:** This resource is not pediatric-specific, but the survey questions can be tailored to meet your organization’s needs.

Website hosted by the Emergency Medical Services for Children National Resource Center. (2013). *National Pediatric Readiness Project.*

The National Pediatric Readiness Project is a multi-phase quality improvement initiative to ensure that all U.S. emergency departments (ED) have the essential guidelines and resources in place to provide effective emergency care to children. The project is a partnership of the Emergency Medical Services for Children/ Health Resources and Services Administration, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Emergency Nurses Association, and the American College of Emergency Physicians. The first phase of this project was a national assessment of EDs' readiness to care for children. Results for each state and U.S. territory are available, and include their overall assessment response rate; the median pediatric readiness score; a list of meetings, conferences, and publications related to project implementation; and a list of the National Pediatric Readiness State Team members. **NOTE:** This resource is specific to hospital EDs; however, it may be useful due to its pediatric focus.