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As summer winds down and National Preparedness Month is underway, the nation is addressing several concurrent and diverse events: hurricane, tropical storm, and flooding recovery; the Zika virus; and wildfires out west, to name a few. The [ASPR TRACIE](#) Team has been working with our subject matter expert Cadre to provide stakeholders with assistance via tip sheets, planning resources, and webinars. It is our honor to share with you our new and upcoming resources, events, and innovative features, and, as always, we [welcome your feedback](#).

Just Released: CMS Emergency Preparedness Rule

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [announced](#) the release of the [Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Medicare and Medicaid Participating Providers and Suppliers](#). This important [new rule](#) establishes national emergency preparedness requirements for [17 provider and supplier types](#) to ensure adequate planning for natural and human-caused disasters, and coordination with federal, state, tribal, regional, and local emergency preparedness systems. [ASPR TRACIE has a dedicated page](#) with links to resources that can help you start or update your planning process. We will work closely with CMS to gather and share relevant resources and help with assistance requests. Check out the ASPR TRACIE and CMS joint presentation at the [National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference](#) on Wednesday, December 14,

New ASPR TRACIE Resources

Healthcare providers and staff who maintain facility operations are not immune to the negative effects of a disaster, yet they are critical to the response phase and expected to care for their own loved ones, community members, and the facility. [Tips for Retaining and Caring for Staff after a Disaster](#) provides general promising practices—categorized by immediate and short-term needs—for facility executives to consider when trying to retain and care for staff after a disaster.

[Noble Lifesaver Patient Movement Workshop: Promising Practices and Lessons Learned](#) highlights findings from a series of workshops designed to test and examine the scope of federal assistance for patient movement (PM) functions and the specific requirements among local, state, regional, and federal emergency support function (ESF) #8 partners to execute PM. The document also highlights lessons learned and promising practices shared by workshop participants and provides contact information if you are interested in participating in or hosting a Workshop.

Knowing what information can be released, to whom, and under what circumstances, is critical for healthcare facilities in disaster response. [HIPAA and Disasters: What Emergency Professionals Need to Know](#) answers frequently asked questions regarding the release of information about patients following an incident.

Zika Resources

On September 2, 2016 ASPR TRACIE released an updated version of [Zika: Resources at Your Fingertips](#) to reflect revised resources and new information. This version includes the following HHS-developed planning resources: [Supporting Children with Special Healthcare Needs](#), [Maternal-Fetal Health](#), [Zika Virus Planning Considerations for Healthcare Facilities and Coalitions](#), and [Guillain-Barré Syndrome and Other Neurological Deficits](#). Check back often as the situation unfolds and new information is released; date-specific updates will be indicated in **red font**.

Webinars

Speakers in the second ASPR TRACIE healthcare coalition webinar [Healthcare Coalition Involvement in Mass Gatherings](#) shared: the federal perspective (including ASPR's experience with mass gatherings); the role of healthcare coalitions in SuperBowl XLIV (2010) and the 2012 RNC Convention; and

Pennsylvania's experience with the 2015 Papal Visit and 2016 DNC. Check out the accompanying [Mass Gatherings Topic Collection](#).

The speakers in the ASPR TRACIE webinar [Lessons Learned in Developing and Effective Regional Ebola CONOPS](#) shared personal experiences that can help regional staff learn more about patient movement and develop their own Ebola Concept of Operations. Dr. Lewis Rubinson documents his personal experiences treating Ebola patients in Sierra Leone in the recently-released video [Lessons Learned on Crisis Standards of Care in Kenema](#).

Is there a topic you would like to see covered in a future webinar? [Let us know!](#)

Domain Updates



There are currently 37 complete Topic Collections in the [Technical Resources](#) domain. ASPR TRACIE just released the comprehensively updated [Ebola and Viral Hemorrhagic Topic Collection](#). Coming soon: Exercise Program, Ambulatory Care, and Alternate Care Sites. Follow [this link](#) to access all comprehensively developed collections. Don't forget to [log in](#) and rate and comment on resources in Topic Collections or the Resource Library!



The [Assistance Center](#) has processed more than 650 TTA requests from a variety of stakeholders, and recently released [After the Flood: Mold-Specific Resources](#) in response to a request. We maintain [a summary of many of the TTA requests received](#) and we encourage you to [reach out](#) if you need assistance.



Have you visited the [Information Exchange](#) (IE) domain lately? Join nearly 1600 of your colleagues in the IE and check out the latest threads: [pediatric reunification](#) and [presentations and discussion from the ASPR Medical Countermeasure Summits](#). [Register for the IE now](#) to join the conversation. Need help navigating the IE? Check out this quick [how-to video!](#)

Upcoming Events

We're turning 1! ASPR TRACIE is celebrating our first anniversary on September 30th—stay tuned for the anniversary issue of *The Express*!

Registration is now open for the [National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference](#) in Washington, DC on December 13-14, 2016. Join us and your other

colleagues in learning more about the implementation of healthcare coalitions and coalition activities.



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