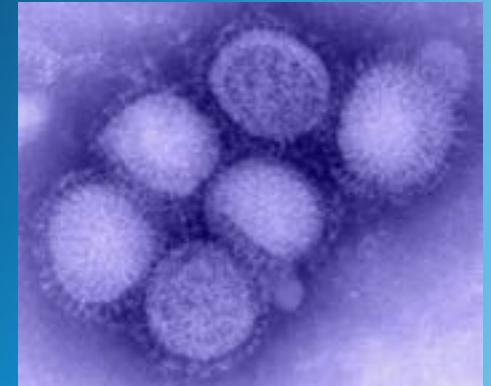


World Federation Response to Disasters



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Disaster Response Task Force

- Internal task force of WFSICCM
- Members
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Organizations with Disaster Responsibilities

- World Health Organization
- Centers for Disease Control
- Military
- Local and national governmental agencies



Nongovernmental Agencies (NGOs)

- Red Cross
- Doctors without Borders
- UNICEF
- Care
- AmeriCares
- Faith-based organizations



What should be the response of a professional medical organization when a disaster occurs?



- Aim of the WFSICCM: “...to promote the highest standards of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine for mankind, without discrimination.”

Potential Contributions

- **Communication**
- **Personnel**
- **Expertise, education, and/or training**
- **Partnerships/interface with other organizations**
- **Financial or resource support**
- **Research/data support**

Communication

- **Alert to member organizations**
 - Requires appropriate contact information
- **Website posts**
 - Requires someone to visit website
- **Social media (Facebook, Twitter)**
- **Individual communication to/from disaster area**

Personnel

- **Registry of volunteers and their abilities**
 - Labor intensive
 - Limitations of job responsibilities
 - Financial support
 - Language ability
- **Organizational structure required**
- **Regulatory and liability issues**

Expertise, Education, Training

- Database of “experts”
- Mechanism to accept requests and route them appropriately
- Methods
 - Video conferences
 - Webinars
 - One-on-one communication

Partnerships and Interfaces

- Liaison with other organizations to determine critical care needs
 - World Health Organization
 - Doctors without Borders
 - Red Cross
 - ACCESS MAPS
 - Local critical care organizations (our members and others)
 - Local intensivists

Financial and Resource Support

- Organization budget issues
 - Formal aid fund
- Supplies or money?
- Regulatory issues
 - Taxes, customs
 - Organizational restrictions
- Appropriate use (potential diversion)

Research and Data Support

- Collection and analysis of data to impact current and future care
 - InFACT, www.infactglobal.org
 - ISARIC, www.isaric.tghn.org
 - The Global Health Network, www.tghn.org
 - The George Institute for Global Health, www.georgeinstitute.org

What can the WFSICCM do?

- Communication ✓
- Personnel
- Expertise, education and/or training ✓
- Financial or resource support ✓
- Partnerships/interface with other organizations ✓
- Research/data support ✓



Purpose of the WFSICCM

- Promote activity, provide advice and cooperate with relevant bodies in the field of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine
- Disseminate scientific and educational information
- Establish the highest standards in patient care, training, equipment design and safety measures
- Encourage research



Thank You



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