

Final Objectives 2023-24

Disaster Preparedness & Response Committee

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1. Review current College resources regarding hospital disaster planning, planning for patient surge, and hospital evacuations for possible revisions and updating, with special emphasis on the impact on rural hospitals.
2. Continue to collaborate with fellowship directors to update the list/database of all disaster fellowships and the similarities or differences. Assist ABEM with the application, as needed. Continue the development of a Disaster Medicine board certification or added qualification in disaster medicine and preparedness. Develop standardized job descriptions and career resources for graduating fellows.
3. Collaborate with the EMS Education Subcommittee to develop possible virtual reality simulation training applications for disaster medicine.
4. Solicit nominations for the Disaster Medical Sciences Award and recommend a recipient to the Board of Directors.
5. Develop disaster medicine related course proposals and submit to the Educational Meetings Subcommittee for consideration by August 21, 2024 (for ACEP25).
6. Review the following policies per the Policy Sunset Review Process:
 - Disaster Medical Services

Determine by December 15 if the policies should be reaffirmed, revised, rescinded, or sunsetted. Submit any proposed revisions to the Board for approval by the end of the committee year.
7. Complete development of an online resource for disaster plan development including National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) basics and disaster expert networking.
8. Continue to identify potential threats to health care infrastructure from cyber attacks and develop solutions to mitigate.
9. Identify existing educational resources and begin the development of new materials appropriate for dissemination to physicians in areas of acute military conflict. Work with other sections and committees as needed to identify and create these materials.
10. Complete the review of the draft policy statement “Disaster Telehealth” developed by the Telehealth Task Force, determine if any revisions are needed, and provide a recommendation to the Board.