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Welcome to the lesson on emergency preparedness.

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Types of Disaster Events

Healthcare organizations must be prepared to respond to disasters such as:

- Natural disasters
- Technological disasters
- Major transportation accidents
- Terrorism
- Nuclear, biological, and chemical events

To prepare, each facility must:

- Identify events that could occur
- Determine the probability that each event will occur
- Develop strategies for dealing with each event

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Emergency Operations Plan

Facilities document how they will deal with disaster in an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

A good EOP should address each phase of disaster management:

- Mitigation
- Preparedness
- Response
- Recovery

It also should include plans for:

- Communication
- Resources and assets
- Safety and security
- Staff responsibilities
- Utilities
- Clinical activities

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Beyond Emergency Operations Plans

A written plan alone is not enough to ensure an effective response.

Staff must be:

- Educated on the procedures in the Plan.
- Trained and drilled to respond to disaster according to the Plan.

Make sure that YOU are ready to respond to disaster:

- Know the disaster events that pose a risk for your facility.
- Participate in all emergency response training and drills.

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Your Role in a Code Yellow Emergency

- All medical staff members and employees at all locations are essential to Hospital operations during a Code Yellow emergency.
- Incident Command Staff and your immediate manager will direct the role you play and the tasks you are assigned.
- Incident Command Staff fills all critical tasks with the most appropriate available practitioner or staff member and makes sure tasks are performed as quickly and effectively as possible.

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Your Role in a Code Yellow Emergency

- In some emergencies, the Hospital will create a personnel pool to supplement or staff essential response or operating functions.
- Employees may be assigned responsibilities consistent with their abilities, but may be outside their normal job roles/responsibilities.
- Tasks will be evaluated frequently to match the most appropriate practitioners and staff members available with critical tasks.

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Where to Report during a Code Yellow

- All employees report to their department immediately and receive instructions from their department manager/designee.
 - Each department will immediately initiate their department-specific emergency management plan.
- DO NOT REPORT TO THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (ED) unless directed by the Incident Command Center or your department manager.
- On-site medical staff members are to report to the Hospital's designated sign-in area and await direction and assignment from Incident Command Staff.

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Where to Report during a Code Yellow

If off-duty personnel are called in and activated:

- Report to your assigned unit or the designated Hospital Personnel Pool area, as directed, and await assignment from Incident Command Staff or your Manager.
- Off-duty Emergency Department staff report directly to the ED charge nurse for assignment.
- Off-duty medical staff members report to the designated Hospital sign-in area and await direction and assignment from Incident Command Staff.

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Emergency Codes

Procedures for each emergency are described in the Environment of Care/Safety Manual or in your Department EOC/Safety Manual.

Know your department response plan for each of these Emergency Situations.

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Hand Hygiene

The single most important factor for preventing the spread of infection is proper hand hygiene.

Hands should be washed or decontaminated **before** and **after** each direct patient contact or contact with the patient's environment. Hand hygiene should also occur after gloves are removed.

Current CDC guidelines recommend the use of:

- Soap and water for washing visibly soiled hands.
- Alcohol-based hand rubs for routine decontamination of hands between patient contacts, when hands are not visibly soiled.

CDC or WHO guidelines for hand hygiene should be followed.

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Thank You for Completing this e-Learning Module.

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