

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE (NLM) IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A NEW WEB RESOURCE ABOUT ITS DISASTER INFORMATION MANAGEMENT RESEARCH CENTER (DIMRC).

<http://disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov>.

The DIMRC web site seeks to provide access to quality disaster health information at all stages of preparedness, response, mitigation, and recovery. Initially, the site will focus on NLM and NLM-supported resources and activities. It will then expand to include other sources of authoritative disaster health information.

NLM has a long history of providing health information during times of disaster. Recognizing the potential of libraries as untapped resources in preparing for disasters, and responding to the current increased need for disaster health information, DIMRC was created to aid the nation's disaster management efforts.

DIMRC is tasked with the collection, organization, and dissemination of health information for natural, accidental, or deliberate disasters. The Center is committed to providing this information as part of the federal effort to help prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the adverse health effects of disasters. It will work with federal, state, and local government, private organizations, and local communities.

DIMRC will focus its efforts on providing disaster health information resources and informatics research that will be directly beneficial for public health officials, healthcare providers, special populations, and the public.



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