Online Pediatrics in Disasters Course

Curriculum was revised in partnership with the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Pan American Health Organization with the participation of health professionals working at Save the Children, Médecins Sans Frontières, and the United Nations High Commission on Refugees

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Although a quarter of the world’s population is under the age of five, 50 percent of the victims of man-made and natural disasters are children. Children are vulnerable in disasters for physiological, psychological and developmental reasons. Too often medical staff are ill-prepared for pediatric triage and emergency stabilization in terms of knowledge and experience, as well as equipment and supplies.

The Pediatrics in Disaster training program trains health care providers to prioritize life-saving care for children in disasters. Because of the vulnerability of children and adolescents, pediatricians and other health professionals must ensure that local, regional and national disaster preparedness planning meets the specific needs of children and adolescents.

The 10 Modules covered in the training include the following:
1. Disasters and their effects upon the population: Key concepts
2. Preventive medicine in humanitarian emergencies
3. Planning and triage in the disaster scenario
4. Pediatric trauma
5. Management of prevalent infections in children following a disaster
6. Diarrhea and dehydration
7. Delivery and immediate neonatal care
8. Nutrition and malnutrition
9. The emotional impact of disasters in children and their families
10. Toxic exposures

The virtual classroom environment encourages you to engage with video lectures, PowerPoint handouts, video tutorials for problem based exercises, and interactive problem based exercises. The training also includes a pre-test, post-test, and training evaluation.

Cost: English is $25 without certificate of completion or $100 with certificate of completion. Spanish handbook and online materials have not been revised, therefore, the cost is $0 (no certificate available).

If you an international agency, such as a non-governmental organization with local health professionals who cannot pay the minimal charge, you may request to take the course at no charge. Each of these requests will be decided on an individual basis. Please contact the Center for Global Health.