

Challenges and Opportunities in Hospital Emergency Management

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Presentation Abstract: Healthcare, and more specifically hospitals, face many of the same challenges and vulnerabilities as other critical industries. However, emergency management and continuity of operations have not always been as standardized, funded, and equipped to handle the scope of their organization.

This presentation will explore how UT MD Anderson Cancer Center applies various emergency management standards, concepts, technologies, and identified areas of improvement within the context of a large specialty hospital in the Texas Medical Center. We will explore challenges, opportunities, stakeholder and partnerships engagements, and other areas of interest.

The objectives of this presentation are:

- 1) Provide an overview of how hospitals are, or can, enhance emergency preparedness to meet and exceed regulations and standards
- 2) Review lessons from previous events across critical sectors and how they can be utilized to enhance the tools and capabilities of hospital emergency management programs
- 3) Enhance the attendee's understanding of the current threat and hazard landscape facing hospitals and healthcare

This presentation will assist fellow emergency managers from healthcare, municipalities, regulated industries, and other sectors understand the current state of hospital emergency management.