Promoting Operational Sustainability in a Crisis

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Earthquake Highlights Need for Hospital Operational Sustainability in a Crisis

The recent devastating earthquake in Mexico that sent tremors into California highlights a serious concern with our hospital system. As we saw in Louisiana with Hurricane Katrina, natural disasters put hospital operational sustainability to the test. This aspect of healthcare receives little attention until a crisis highlights the vulnerabilities in place.

At the Healthcare Coalition for Emergency Preparedness, we believe in anticipating these natural and consistent crisis's. Like the Gulf Coast with hurricanes, California is susceptible to earthquakes. The question is not if another earthquake will hit, it is when and if California will be prepared. We must look to our hospitals surge capacity, supply structure, staffing levels and infrastructure to ensure that our healthcare systems can meet the inevitable challenges it will face on the heels of a natural crisis. Identifying new best practices for operational sustainability should be a priority now.

To find out more about the Healthcare Coalition for Emergency Preparedness and efforts to help promote operational sustainability, please visit our website: www.HealthcarePrep.org

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