



## **Disasters Preparedness and Emergency Response: Prevention, Surveillance and Mitigation Planning**

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### **Message from the Guest Editor**

In a globalized world in which crisis incidents are becoming more frequent, more devastating and have a significant impact on the health and lives of societies, the quality of healthcare services, including disaster preparedness in particular, is crucial for health security. Increased risk of a mass accident or catastrophe taking place necessitates the organization of remedial measures intended to protect against these types of unusual events, and to facilitate the preparation required to mitigate their impact. A well-established preparedness program is a prerequisite for the effective response of healthcare systems to emergencies.

While we have made progress in preparedness and emergency response in the last decades, much more needs to be done.

Research priorities in preparedness and emergency response include: developing and evaluating systems of public health services and disaster management; developing and evaluating strategies to train the healthcare workers to meet the responsibilities for detection, mitigation, and recovery in varied settings and populations;





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