

## Issues

Pandemic Influenza Ethical Issues  
Pandemic Influenza Planning Assumptions  
Hospital Disaster Preparedness  
Super Bowl XLI  
Mass Casualty Events  
Medically Managed Facilities (MMF) Program  
Cities Readiness Initiative  
NIMS Compliance  
Preparedness Drills and Exercising

\*\*these are some of the issues addressed in previous meetings and are discussed on a continuing basis. Critical issues will be addressed as they emerge\*\*

## Member Benefits

No membership fees  
Access to website's "Members Only" section  
Networking with hospitals and other organizations  
Stay informed of local, state and regional preparedness issues  
Opportunities to share best practices  
Address issues concerning your hospital and patients  
Learn about conferences, seminars, funding and training opportunities  
Participation in member committees

## Become a Member

Fill out a "New Member Registration" request on our website at:  
<http://www.mdchospitals.org>.



**Helping hospital preparation efforts for existing and emerging healthcare challenges**



## Obtain More Information

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## About the Miami-Dade County Hospital Preparedness Consortium (MDCHPC)

The MDCHPC was established in March 2006 and is sponsored by the Miami-Dade County Health Department to provide a forum for hospitals to assist Miami-Dade County in articulating strategic priorities and overseeing the development and execution of the county's operational response to healthcare emergencies.

### Vision

To minimize the morbidity and mortality rates associated with any hazardous event and reduce negative health and socio-economic impacts to the community.

### Mission

To assure that the healthcare community employs a unified approach to all hazardous events that:

- harness local resources
- effectively leverages communications systems
- engages local residents
- coordinates with local, state and federal governments and other healthcare providers
- develops resilience and provides for a successful recovery process

MDCHPC Website  
www.mdchospitals.org

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Member Login  
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**RECENT NEWS**

- December 22, 2006 - The virus took 41 61 million worldwide
- December 19, 2006 - Flu crisis prevention edges forward
- December 18, 2006 - Pandemic & All-Hazards Preparedness Act

**Disaster Preparedness**

- Official Miami-Dade County Hurricane Website
- Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security
- Hospital Incident Command System (HICS)

**Public Health Preparedness**

- Miami-Dade County Influenza Surveillance Report
- Florida Influenza Surveillance Reports & Maps
- Public Health Preparedness Summit '07
- NERC Conference Feb 13-14, 2007

**Preparedness is Critical!**

Welcome to the Miami-Dade County Hospital Preparedness Consortium website.

Disaster and public health preparedness are concerns for hospitals everywhere and Miami-Dade County is no exception. With a population of almost 2.5 million people and 30+ hospitals located in Miami-Dade County, preparation is paramount to ensuring the health and wellbeing of our community.

Our community depends on hospitals to be prepared to deal with all types of events that can impact our county. Some events are familiar, such as hurricanes, while others are new, such as a pandemic influenza. Failure to do so can result in adverse health effects on our community. Hospitals, however, cannot do this on their own. In recognition of this, the Miami-Dade County Health Department is sponsoring the Miami-Dade County Hospital Preparedness Consortium (MDCHPC). The MDCHPC provides a forum for uniting hospitals with other relevant stakeholders in the community, to address healthcare emergency preparedness and response capabilities of hospitals in Miami-Dade County.

This website provides information and resources to help hospitals improve on existing preparation efforts, and to assist hospitals in developing new plans to address emerging areas of concern.

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### Website Features

- Disaster preparedness and public health preparedness general information
- Links to MDCHPC member websites
- Up-to-date preparedness news section
- Members Only Section providing:
  - \* calendar of events
  - \* committee updates
  - \* documents library

## Consortium Structure

The MDCHPC meets on a bimonthly basis with leadership provided by three Co-Chairs representing hospital clinical, hospital administration and health department facets of emergency management.

### Committees Structure

Currently there are three committees within the MDCHPC. They are:

- Steering Committee
- Clinical & Ethics Committee
- Exercise Committee

The Steering Committee meets on a bi-monthly basis. The Clinical & Ethics and Exercise Committees each meet on a bimonthly basis.

### Membership Structure

There are two levels of membership within the MDCHPC. They are:

**Members** are representatives from Miami-Dade County hospitals who participate in the Consortium and have voting privileges.

**Associate Members** are representatives from other interested organizations that participate in the Consortium and do not have voting privileges.