



How Los Angeles County (LAC) benefits from a DRC program:

- Los Angeles County is approximately 4,000 square miles
- Vast distances between one end of the county to the other
- We have almost 10 million people
- Widely diverse areas including mountains, valleys and an island (Catalina)
- Daily traffic problems
- Over 100 hospitals in LA County
- 88 Cities in the LA County
- 72 9-1-1 Receiving Hospitals

After 9/11, the focus in our country changed to incorporate major renovations to our system in the way we prepare for disasters, natural or man-made. In 2003, Los Angeles County became a direct recipient of Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Grant funding based on a "risk assessment" study. As part of the guidelines, Los Angeles County became responsible for dispensing these funds through our diverse county.

The DRC program is comprised of 13 hospitals and one community clinic association, geographically located throughout LA County. Each DRC has umbrella hospitals and coalition partners (i.e. Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Clinics, Dialysis Centers, Long Term Care, etc.) that collaborate with mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery activities. All hospitals and coalition partners are encouraged to participate in the DRC's annual regional HVA, tabletop exercise and the Statewide Medical and Health Exercise.

DRC "umbrella meetings" are held bimonthly to create active participation, gain advice and suggestions from local fire departments, pharmacists, physicians, law enforcement, and city planners, as well as inviting subject matter experts to share best practices.

Engaging in an open dialogue with key players is instrumental to a good plan.

Who are the DRC's?

California Hospital Medical Center

Cedars Sinai Medical Center

Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Community Clinic Association of
Los Angeles County (CCALAC)

Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital

Kaiser Los Angeles Medical Center

LAC Harbor - UCLA Medical Center

LAC+USC Medical Center

Long Beach Memorial Medical Center

Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center

PIH Health Hospital-Whittier

Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center

Ronald Reagan - UCLA Medical Center

Saint Mary Medical Center

Roles of the **DRC** for disaster preparedness

- Coordinate Surge Planning in geographical area
- Facilitate and coordinate drills and exercises with coalition partners
- Store pharmaceutical caches
- Procure and store tents, cots, ventilators and medical supplies to enhance surge capacity
- Assist with mutual aid coordination
- Facilitate PPE and decontamination training for staff
- Collaborate with “umbrella hospitals” in coordination of resources, drills and training
- Assist with CMS compliance
- Standardize communication, plans, processes and equipment

Successes to Date

- Greater communication between various healthcare sectors
- Regional Disaster Plans are being generated and disseminated
- All preparedness is on an “all hazard” approach with an emphasis on natural and man-made incidents
- Participation is voluntary, however as a result of the program's success, there are 75+ active hospitals and dozens of coalition partners participating within our jurisdiction
- Increased collaboration among various Healthcare sectors

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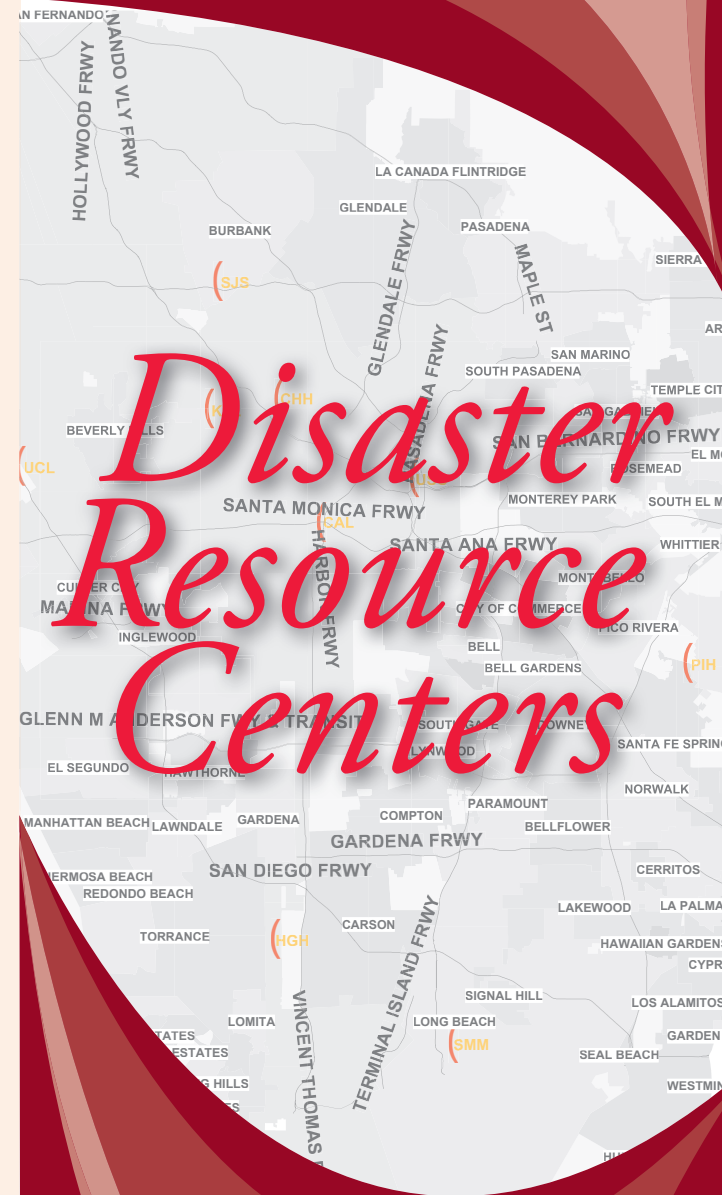
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