



LA COUNTY AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER (ASC) DISASTER NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the Spring 2019 ASC disaster newsletter. Firstly I would like to thank the workgroup members that have assisted me over the last few years and those who have recently joined us, you are very much appreciated. The workgroup helps me put together resources that we hope are helpful to the ASC community including this newsletter.

The spotlight page in this edition will focus on LA County EMS Agency's main communication tool called ReddiNet. As your local emergency preparedness officials, it is important that we have an easy method to communicate with all of you during an emergency so we are encouraging all agencies to sign up for this important program. See page 2 for more details.

Thank you to those who registered for and participated in the short communication exercise on November 15 2018. We hope that this year the EMS Agency won't have a real emergency and can participate fully.

If you have anything you would like to be placed in this newsletter, please let me know.



Thank you for being part of the LA County ASC disaster/emergency preparedness community, *Elaine*

Community Chatter

- ◆ **Still seeking representatives for a few Disaster Resource Center (DRC) locations. Commitment includes being on their email list and attending 1 of their 6 annual meetings. If you are able to help with this please contact Elaine Forsyth.**
- ◆ **The next LA County Disaster Coalition Advisory Committee (DCAC) will be on Wednesday June 5, 2019 at 9:30am at the EMS Agency*. All are welcome to attend, however, only one of the two ASC representatives may vote on agenda items.**
- ◆ **Please complete the ASC survey if you have not already done so at:**
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/surgerycenters2017>



Link-Up

- ~ LA County EMS Agency Disaster Services
<http://tinyurl.com/LACoDisasterMedicalServices>
- ~ ReddiNet (online communication tool) registration contact:
Lewis West at lwest@hasc.org
- ~ Los Angeles Health Alert Network (LAHAN) - to subscribe go to
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/lahan/>
- ~ California Association of Surgery Center (CASA)
http://casurgery.org/aws/CASA/pt/sp/home_page

Education & Training Corner

- **Save the date: LA County's Annual Medical and Health Exercise November 21, 2019. More information will follow later in the year.**
- **Anticipate, Plan and Deter: Maximizing Resilience of Healthcare Workers during Disasters.** This train-the-trainer class is being offered in May 2019 at 4 different locations across LA County. Classes are free and offer 2 hours of BRN CEU credit. Registration is required through the links below:
- May 9th: <https://anticipate-plan-deter-may-9th.eventbrite.com>
- May 13th: <https://anticipate-plan-deter-may-13th.eventbrite.com>
- May 17th: <https://anticipate-plan-deter-may-17th.eventbrite.com>
- May 28th: <https://anticipate-plan-deter-may-28th.eventbrite.com>

For more information on this training, go to the Disaster Services calendar on the EMS Agency website or contact Ami Boonjaluksa at aboonjaluksa2@dhs.lacounty.gov



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SPOTLIGHT - ReddiNet

ReddiNet is an internet based dedicated emergency medical communications network utilized by LA County. It facilitates information exchange among healthcare sectors, EMS agency, EMS providers, dispatch centers, public health and other health care system professionals in local and regional communities.

ReddiNet is utilized both on a daily basis and during disasters or exercises. It is our preferred communication method with all healthcare sectors.

Daily uses include:

1. Patient transfers within the community
2. Monitoring emergency department diversion status (for ED saturation, CT scanner down, etc.)
3. Hospital bed polling (HAVBED) twice daily
4. Information sharing

During a disaster/emergency incident:

1. Information sharing related to the incident (can choose to send messages to all users, to a certain area, to an individual agency or facility)
2. Multiple casualty incident (MCI) management with on scene EMS providers
3. Service level polling of all registered medical and health entities (hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, home health & hospice agencies, etc.)
***See additional information on service levels for ASCs below*
4. Requesting resources. ReddiNet has a resource request module where healthcare sectors can request resources such as supplies (e.g. IV fluids), equipment (e.g. ventilators) and medical personnel.
5. Family Reunification Center (FRC) module utilized by the County to assist in reuniting family members

ReddiNet is being offered to healthcare sectors within LA County including ambulatory surgery centers (ASC). The EMS Agency will pay for this service, however, each ASC will need to sign a user agreement with Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC) who owns ReddiNet.

If interested, please contact Lewis West of HASC at lwest@hasc.org.

****Service Levels for Ambulatory Surgery Centers**

If a ReddiNet Service Level poll is sent out, each ASC should determine which of the 3 color categories (green, yellow or black) they fit into based on the current condition of the center. Respond with one of the following color choices:

- **Green** (Normal Operations): No assistance from the jurisdiction is required. ASC is operational and is in business-as-usual mode. **Can assist with response and is able to accept minor stable patients**
- **Yellow** (Under Control): No assistance from the jurisdiction is required. ASC is operational and is in business-as-usual mode. **Can assist with response with use of space, staff and/or stuff. Unable to accept additional patients.**
- **Black** (No Services): No assistance from jurisdiction is required. **Unable to care for patients as ASC is closed for business.**

Questions on service levels should be directed to Elaine Forsyth at eforsyth@dhs.lacounty.gov