Supplemental Training Information

These courses are designed for all medical professionals and do not have a specific orthopaedic focus.

- Disaster Management and Emergency Preparedness (DMEP), American College of Surgeons
  http://www.facs.org/trauma/disaster/about.html
  Major topics addressed include planning, triage, incident command, injury patterns and pathophysiology, and consideration for special populations.

- National Disaster Life Support (NDLS) Courses, National Disaster Life Support Foundation and American Medical Association
  http://www.ndlsf.org/
  Core Disaster Life Support ® version 3.0 (CDLS).
  The overarching aim of the CDLS Course is to provide participants from diverse professions, disciplines, and backgrounds with a common lexicon, vocabulary, and knowledge in disaster-related medicine and public health that can be reinforced and expanded in the Basic Disaster Life Support™ (BDLS®) and Advanced Disaster Life Support™ (ADLS®) Courses.
  Basic Disaster Life Support ® (BDLS)
  The BDLS® course is a review of the all-hazards topics including natural and accidental man-made events, traumatic and explosive events, nuclear and radiological events, biological events, and chemical events. Also included is information on the health care professional’s role in the public health and incident management systems, community mental health, and special needs of underserved and vulnerable populations.

- Disaster Training Modules, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and/or the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
  http://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.asp?page=all
  NDMS teams require additional HHS/FEMA training. Required modules vary by team.

Pre-credentialing Information

Pre-credentialing is a process separate from the AAOS Registered Disaster Responder process, and each agency will have its own requirements. Links to agencies’ websites are included here.

- The US federal government’s National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) is comprised of several teams. Physicians may be on one team only and are temporary federalized employees during service. When activated, team members have liability coverage and compensation for work injuries. Physicians may decline assignments. Additional HHS and/or FEMA training is required.
  - DMAT—Disaster Medical Assistance Team; responds to domestic disasters.
  - IMSuRT— International Medical Surgical Response Team; responds to domestic and international disasters.
  - MSET— Multi-Specialty Enhancement Team; reserve that responds to catastrophic disasters.
  http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/responders/ndms/teams/Pages/default.aspx

- The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) “is a national network of local groups of volunteers committed to improving the health, safety, and resiliency of their communities.” Volunteers join a local MRC unit.
  https://medicalreservecorps.gov/HomePage

- The Emergency System for the Advance Registration of Volunteer Healthcare Professionals (ESAR-VHP) is a federal program created to support states and territories in establishing standardized volunteer registration programs for disasters and public health and medical emergencies and is administered through individual states. ESAR-VHP is a pathway for basic pre-registration as a disaster professional volunteer and a portal to your state’s MRC. Find information about registering in your state here: http://www.phe.gov/esarvhp/pages/registration.aspx

- AAOS can provide a list of suggested NGO options.