(P1-103) Utilization of a Pediatric Disaster Coalition as a Model for Regional Pediatric Disaster Planning

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Introduction: The importance to plan for a Multi-Casualty Incident (MCI) has gained importance over the past 10–15 years due to continuous military conflicts and the increase in terrorist and criminal acts. Since 1992, a group of pediatric surgeons has been convening to assist hospitals in the New York City area to increase PCC surge capacities. The project is an effective, multidisciplinary group approach to planning for a regional, large-scale pediatric MCI. Regional lead agencies must emphasize pediatric emergency preparedness in their disaster plans.

Results: Surge recommendations were formulated. The algorithm developed provides specific pediatric triage criteria that can be used by hospitals to create their individual PCC surge plans. The PDC includes experts in emergency preparedness, critical care, surgery, and emergency medicine from the NYC pediatric/children’s hospitals, DOHMH, Office of Emergency Management, and Fire Department (FDNY). Two committees addressed pediatric prehospital triage, transport, and pediatric critical care (PCC) surge capacities. They developed guidelines and recommendations for pediatric field triage, transport, matching patients’ needs to resources, and increasing PCC Surge Capacities.

Conclusions: The project is an effective, multidisciplinary group approach to planning for a regional, large-scale pediatric MCI. Regional lead agencies must emphasize pediatric emergency preparedness in their disaster plans.

(P1-104) The Surgical Care of Children with Gunshot Wounds in a Children’s Field Hospital

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Introduction: The treatment of victims with gunshot wounds has gained importance over the past 10–15 years due to continuous military conflicts and the increase in terrorist and criminal acts. Since 1992, a group of pediatric surgeons has been trained to treat gunshot wounds in both children and adults in field hospitals of the Russian Service of Disaster Medicine in Northern Caucasus.