Small Victims, Big Challenges: Pediatric Triage, Treatment and Recovery in Disasters
(EM 250)

THE NEED
The federal Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA) recognizes that disasters place children, pregnant women, senior citizens and other individuals at risk for increased morbidity and mortality. Children represent a special subset of individuals at-risk as they have unique physiological and pharmacological considerations. PAHPA encourages the Department of Health and Human Services to promote appropriate pre-disaster activities at the state and local level to address the medical health needs of at-risk individuals. Small Victims, Big Challenges: Pediatric Triage, Treatment and Recovery for Emergencies (EM 250) introduces clinicians acting as first receivers to the unique challenges encountered with children in a disaster incident.

TARGET AUDIENCE
- Advanced
- Recommended for physicians and other clinicians who may support pediatric victims during a disaster or other types of emergencies

MODALITY
- Online course
- Instructor-led

EM 250 TOPICS INCLUDE:
- Recognizing the emotional responses to a traumatic event, including behavioral, physical and cognitive responses as they apply to children
- Listing required and desirable personnel, equipment and infrastructure for pediatric disaster preparedness
- Demonstrating the ability to triage children who are victims of multiple casualty incidents (MCIs) using internationally accepted criteria (JumpSTART™)
- Describing and identifying clinical manifestations and appropriate treatment for child victims of natural and human-caused disasters
- Summarizing the mental health needs of infants, children and adolescents in disasters
- Applying lessons learned to new and updated plans, treatments, preparedness, procedures, response and recovery activities

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