

## MEDICINE FOR DISASTERS

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Providing medical help in a disaster is one of the most demanding tasks which can face the profession. Every disaster is different, so precisely relevant rehearsal may seem impossible. Yet decisions about appropriate management must be taken swiftly and carried out efficiently, however difficult the situation. If this is to be achieved doctors, nurses, paramedical staff and administrators must prepare themselves thoroughly for any major emergency.

*Medicine for Disasters* is designed to help. Although it cannot be a substitute for experience, it provides the information and describes the techniques which form the proper basis for the general medical management of disasters. With contributions from doctors and health care workers from throughout the world, every aspect is covered. There is discussion of general issues, including the organisation of medical care at disasters, the epidemiology of disasters, suitable training, and transport arrangements. Specific disasters – whether natural or man-made – are dealt with in detail, with information on immediate rescue and resuscitative care, continuing care, prevention and long-term rehabilitation.

Principally directed to doctors, nurses, paramedical staff and administrators, this broad-ranging textbook will be of value to any professional group which has a part to play in coping with the consequences of a disaster.

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