

Emergency Preparedness Research by Brad Fisher

Dear Amanda and Gaylene.

I'm really happy that a study is being done on how hospital emergency programs might be able to help compromised At Home Patients during a disaster. I would sincerely hope that the study would be based on fact rather than assumptions and hypothetical situations. I have looked deeply into my own personal emergency preparedness through the links below. I have also looked thoroughly into Hurricane Katrina and its affects on the essential services of New Orleans as well as past earthquake events in California. Through my findings I'm sorry to say that no matter how prepared you are at the hospital it will not help the majority of the population. Most of the essential services in New Orleans went AWOL and the hospitals were totally understaffed. When a disaster hits workers are more concerned with the welfare of their families over the welfare of others. It is my opinion that patients that are to be affected by any large disaster should be ready to survive where they are. If you look at the Ocean Sciences report showing the week geographic points of Victoria I'm sure that most of your staff will see how impossible it will be to even get to work, pick up their children at school or day care etc. Not only will we be in trouble at home but the hospital will be severely understaffed. When study the affects of Hurricane Katrina and see how many people died knowing a hurricane was coming (demographically poor or not) it has to stop you in your tracks when you think of a major urban centre like Victoria going through a serious earthquake with no warning (We have been warned by Ocean Sciences!!). From my research the best way to be prepared is to be completely self sufficient. Asking someone who is palliative, on dialysis etc to just go to the hospital if there is a major disaster is dangerously possibly fatally when there is no way to get there based on the information I have studied on these and other Government web sites. There is always room for improvement at a hospital and with the services a hospital provides the local community but most people including staff will not be able to travel to the hospital do to severe damage and their own choice to save themselves and their families first before saving their jobs.

Respectfully, Brad Fisher (Father to Shira Fisher SMA Type 1, Almost 18 mos. old)

1.) Emergency Program Act

EMERGENCY PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REGULATION

http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/reg/E/EmergencyProgram/477_94.htm

2.) Emergency Program Act

LOCAL AUTHORITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REGULATION

http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/reg/E/EmergencyProgram/380_95.htm

3.) Public Health Protection

Emergency Preparedness

<http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/protect/emerg.html>

4.)

Provincial Emergency Program

Ministry of
**Public Safety and
Solicitor General**

<http://www.pep.bc.ca/index.html>

5.)

Provincial Emergency Program

Ministry of
**Public Safety and
Solicitor General**

British Columbia Inter-Agency
Emergency Preparedness Council (IEPC)

<http://www.pep.bc.ca/iepc/iepc.html>

6.) The Saanich Emergency Program

<http://www.gov.saanich.bc.ca/resident/safety/prep/program.html>



Canadian Red Cross

7.)

<http://www.redcross.ca/article.asp?id=000036&tid=001>

8.)

Fisheries and Oceans
Canada

Pêches et Océans
Canada

Canadian
Coast Guard

Garde côtière
canadienne

http://www.pacific.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/sar/jrcc/index_e.htm

9.)



Victoria Earthquake Maps

<http://www.em.gov.bc.ca/mining/geolsurv/surficial/hazards/default.htm>

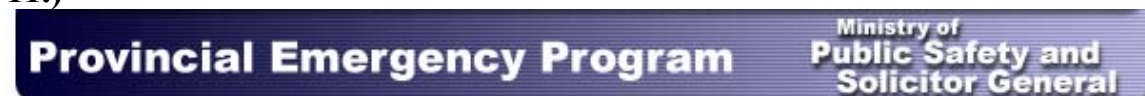
10.)



Earthquake Preparedness

http://www.pep.bc.ca/hazard_preparedness/earthquake_preparedness.html

11.)



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http://www.pep.bc.ca/hazard_preparedness/hazard_preparedness.html

HURRICANE KATRINA ANALYSIS



A.)

<http://www.brookings.edu/metro/katrina.htm>

B.)