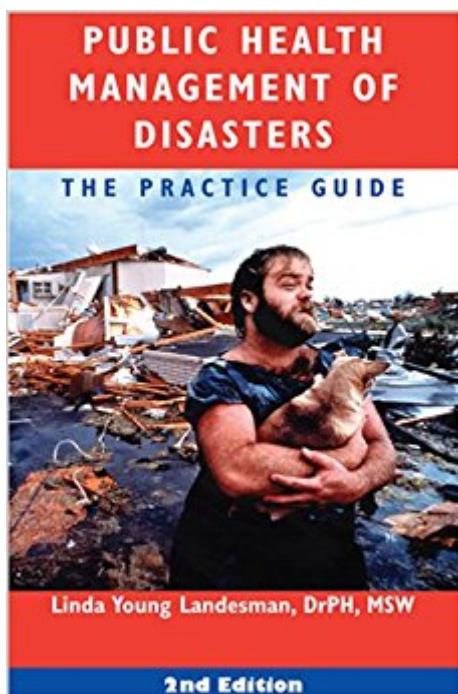


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Public Health Management Of Disasters: The Practice Guide, Second Edition



Synopsis

The 2nd edition of this landmark book consolidates important information on disaster-related resources into one source. It is designed to help the public health profession plan for tasks for which "on the job" is the chief teacher. The author has recognized striking improvements in disaster readiness in the United States, including inter-organizational cooperation and planning among response agencies, and greater technological capability for monitoring and response. Additional information has been added on morbidity and mortality for several new types of disasters; updated structure and organization to reflect changes in federal response and organization including national incident management system, public health incident command, volunteers, Geographic Information Systems and public health response; expanded disaster communications including working with the media, communication systems, information technology recovery; surge capacity and surge capacity planning; worker safety; handling human remains; ensuring food safety and feeding large numbers of displaced persons; organizing mental health services, including staff training, setting up assistance services; death notification; disasters and people with disabilities, including building preparedness, disaster planning councils; point of dispensing sites; updated laboratory response network; and maintaining the vaccine cold chain.

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perspective, examining systems and populations. The text's marriage of the public health and emergency management communities will aid the reader in tackling the myriad of disasters, irrespective of type or scope. --Kristi L. Koenig, MD, FACEP, Director of Public Health Preparedness, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of California at Irvine

Public Health Management of Disasters: The Practice Guide will serve as the essential desk reference not only for health professionals responsible for preparing for and responding to disasters, but for emergency managers, government officials, and other decision-makers charged with ensuring that limited resources of the affected community are well-served. --Eric K. Noji, MD, MPH, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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Required for a course. If you are looking to read up on disaster management on your own, this is not the book I'd choose. If you simply want a reference book and it is required by school, it may be worth purchasing but I still would have rented.

Interesting and though provoking.

Great book if you are looking for a practical book about medical management of disasters. Actually took the author's course in a public health course for a degree I was seeking (I liked the book...professor, not so much...quite inflexible in the final exam, expected that students practically memorize and be able to parrot the book, I don't memorize!...all good in the end...such is life). As stated before, did like the book and would recommend it. (If you take her course, do any extra credit

made available to you, you'll need it when you take the really bogus final exam!)

This book was selected as a textbook for a graduate level course in Principles of Disaster Management at the School of Public Health at Loma Linda. The book was well written and topics were presented clearly. There is a lot of jargon which is part of the public health world, but the book is a good read. There are up-to-date references and websites for further information. Overall, very useful information and I recommend it as a great introduction to the field of disaster management.

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