



## **V. A. Hospital Evacuation and NDMS- National Disaster Medical Systems**

**August 14, 2012  
2:00 - 3:15 EDT**

### **Purpose**

This program provides participants with information and resources necessary when planning for and implementing hospital evacuation during an emergency. Utilizing real events as a backdrop, this session addresses the importance of pre-planning and knowing how to request resources when faced with the difficult decision of hospital evacuation. The webinar will also include notification, activation and operations of the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) and its coordination with hospitals in Florida during a disaster.

### **Learner Objectives**

Upon completion of the program, the participant will be able to:

- Identify key elements for evacuation planning
- Analyze the process for making the decision to evacuate a hospital
- Discuss the differences between a full and partial evacuation
- Describe the process for implementation of evacuation
- Identify the roles of outside response agencies during hospital evacuation
- Discuss recovery and return to normal operations after an evacuation
- Describe the role of NDMS during a disaster
- Identify the base locations of NDMS in Florida
- Summarize recent changes to NDMS operations

### **Presenters**

**Rick Rhodes**

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| <b>AGENDA</b> |   |  |
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| <b>Time</b>   | <b>Title/Topic</b>                                      | <b>Presenter</b>   |
| 2:00          | Welcome, Purpose & Objectives                           | <b>Kay Croy</b> , RN, BSN, MEd.<br>Hospital Preparedness Program<br>Florida Department of Health     |
| 2:05          | Introduction of Speakers                                | <b>Sandra Schoenfisch</b> , RN, PhD<br>Hospital Preparedness Program<br>Florida Department of Health |
| 2:07          | Hospital Evacuation –<br>Hampton VAMC                   | Rick Rhodes<br>VA Area Emergency Manager/FCC<br>Coordinator  |
| 2:29          | NDMS – Teams & Operations                               | Rick Rhodes<br>VA Area Emergency Manager/FCC<br>Coordinator  |
| 2:30          | NDMS-MOA Activation/<br>Implementation                  | Rick Rhodes<br>VA Area Emergency Manager/FCC<br>Coordinator  |
| 2:50          | Questions   | Rick Rhodes  |
| 3:05          | Wrap Up & Future Programs                               | <b>Kay Croy</b> , RN, BSN, MEd.<br>Hospital Preparedness Program<br>Florida Department of Health     |
| 3:10          | Continuing Education Units &<br>Evaluation Instructions | <b>Sandra Schoenfisch</b> , RN, PhD<br>Hospital Preparedness Program<br>Florida Department of Health |

## **Additional Resources:**

National Disaster Management System

<http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/responders/ndms/Pages/default.aspx>

NDMS Team Resources

<http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/responders/ndms/teams/Pages/default.aspx>

California Hospital Association Sample Evacuation Plan

<http://www.calhospitalprepare.org/evacuation>

New York Centers for Terrorism Prevention and Planning – Hospital Evacuation Protocol

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/downloads/pdf/bhpp/bhpp-hospital-nyctpevac-plan.pdf>

[Evacuation Decision Guide – AHRQ](#)