National Library of Medicine’s Disaster Information Management Research Center (DIMRC)

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Mission
Collect, organize, and disseminate biomedical information.

- World’s largest bio-medical library
  - 9 million items in collection

- Services: PubMed, MedlinePlus and many others
  - 900 million searches of PubMed done each year!
  - Articles from 5,200 journals indexed monthly

- Research and Development
  - Biomedical informatics and communications

- New focus: Disaster information

United States
National Library of Medicine
National Institutes of Health
Managing Disasters is Managing Information

Reliable information is the most valued commodity before and after a disaster.
Provide integrated access to information: Disaster Health Resources

- **Databases**
  - PubMed; PMC
  - Resource Guide for Public Health Preparedness (NYAM)
  - TOXNET (HSDB, TOXLINE, TOXMAP, etc)
  - DIRLINE (State-level disaster organizations)

- **Tools**
  - WISER
  - REMM
  - CHEMM (under development)

- **Subject Guides/Pathfinders/Web Links**
  - Enviro-Health Links on disaster topics
  - MedlinePlus disaster topics

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Identify how to support emergency personnel with disaster information needs

Emerging role for medical librarians

Pilot sites:
- New York University
- National Naval Medical Center
- Uniformed Services University
- Sarasota Memorial Hospital
- NIH Library

DISASTR-OUTREACH Listserv
DIMRC Summary

- Work with other agencies to identify and make accessible the broad range of disaster health information
- Identify and implement best practices for maintaining access to health information before, during, and after disasters
- Develop innovative products and services to support emergency preparedness, response, and recovery activities
- Conduct research to support disaster health information management