

An Assessment of the Crisis Team towards the Disaster Preparedness: A Case Study of the Educational and Therapeutic Hospitals of Jahrom city, Iran

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Abstract

Iran is among the top ten disaster-prone countries in the world, due to its vast area, geographical position, and climatic diversity. Thus, studies regarding the disaster preparedness of the crisis team of the Educational and Therapeutic Hospitals becomes necessary. This descriptive, cross-sectional study was conducted by collecting the data by using the demographic questionnaire and a disaster based questionnaire which included 11 areas such as logistic support, responding to the needs of injured people, organization, training, human resources, maneuver planning, maneuver implementation, medical evacuation, admission, transfer, discharge and communications. The highest level of preparedness (good level) was observed in the area of admission. Observed scores related to the areas of perceptions of managers and authorities, responding to the needs of injured people, training, logistic support, human resources, maneuver planning, maneuver implementation, transfer, discharge and communications, had evidenced a moderate levels of preparedness and areas of organization and medical evacuation revealed a poor levels of preparedness. The overall results concluded that the hospital is having a moderate level of disaster preparedness. However, due to the crucial role of hospitals at the time of crisis, hospital managers and authorities should make more efforts to train staff and to plan to increase preparedness levels.

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