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Does your office have an emergency operations plan? Have you had a chance to test the plan? Would you like to see how your plan works in a statewide drill?

Take the challenge and sign up to be a part of the statewide physician preparedness census today.

The Colorado Medical Society Disaster Preparedness Initiative is asking physician's offices to participate in this opportunity to test your plan in real time with other's across the state with a simulated emergency exercise/drill!

DON'T MISS OUT!

A limited number of offices will be selected to participate so please read the details below and respond quickly if you are interested. All offices participating will receive financial compensation/honorarium.

Don't have a plan yet? Download a template to write a plan. Simple, fast, easy and free! <http://www.cms.org/disasterprep.html> and scroll down to the Physician Office Emergency Operation Plan

WHAT: *"Fire and Rain - the Ultimate Challenge: 2010 Physician Disaster Preparedness Census"*

Location: Your office

WHEN: FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2010 ~ 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

HOW THE EXERCISE/DRILL WILL WORK:

1. Sign up today by sending an email to: aalbrecht@atcd.net. You will receive an email confirmation of acceptance.
2. Prepare your office and staff to be ready to call-in for instructions on Friday, May 7, 2010 at 12:30 pm.
3. Call-in number is: 1-800-406-9170 Conference ID # 3204976722
4. When you call in, the "emergency" will be described in full detail by Drs. John Ogle and Brian Crawford and your entire office staff will be expected to act as if the information you hear on the call is a real event.
5. Another phone line will be active for questions at: 1-800-406-9170, Conference ID # 8863119432
6. Direct your office staff to respond exactly as you would in a real emergency based on the emergency described at the call-in. This may include evacuation, using your office phone tree, notifying patients, etc.
7. Exercise/Drill Timing is as follows:
 - 12:30 pm. – offices call conference line to learn the disaster
 - 12:35 – 1:00pm- offices conduct themselves as they would in this "real" emergency situation. 1:00 pm. – mock disaster concludes.
 - 1-1:15 pm – "hot wash" questions on Question line 1-800-406-9170, Conference ID # 8863119432
 - Phone line will stay open until 1:30 for all callers who have further questions.
8. All staff from participating offices will be asked to complete a zoomerang survey at the conclusion of the drill.
9. Once CMS has received notice that all surveys have been completed, an honorarium check will be mailed to those offices having participated.