

Tuesday, 28 November 2017 to Friday, 22 December 2017

In 2016, the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) published pharmacy guidelines for responding to natural disasters which aim at helping pharmacists to prepare and manage natural disasters situations. Moreover FIP has issued statement of policy about role of the pharmacist in disaster management this year. Then, a survey is being conducted to determine how hospital pharmacies in Europe are prepared for a natural or manmade disaster and whether they have specifically followed these guidelines since their publications. Moreover, the survey tries to make an inventory of hospital pharmacies that already faced disaster situations and to collect information on how these hospital pharmacies have managed the disaster situation.

This survey was initiated by Prof Pascal Bonnabry (Chief-pharmacist at the pharmacy of Geneva University Hospitals) and Dr Nicolas Widmer (Chief-pharmacist at the pharmacy of Eastern Vaud Hospitals), who have been mandated by the Swiss Confederation to develop a Centre for Emergency and Disaster Pharmacy at the University of Geneva, Switzerland. Its objectives are to offer research and teaching in this field.

Participation in the survey should not take more than 10-15 minutes to fill in case major events were not experienced in the last 5 years. For hospital pharmacies that were faced with a disaster situation the completion of the survey will take less than 30-40 minutes. All answers are welcome even if your hospital pharmacy doesn't have any special preparedness plan, since every answer is important to FIP.

Answers should be submitted by 22nd December 2017.

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