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### **Conduct an annual hazard vulnerability analysis:**

List all the potential natural disasters and man-made events that may happen. Use that analysis every year to establish the agenda for preparing for emergencies.

In case of weather emergencies, prepare a place to continue to train medical students, and to store valuable research specimens and valuable research data.

Create a detailed plan for dealing with weather emergencies as it impacts the clinical enterprise, research enterprise and educational enterprise.

Develop a Hurricane Evacuation Assistance Team (HEAT) of healthcare providers to assist special needs evacuees during transportation and at the shelter.

During evacuation leave a group of about 50 physicians and nurses to man the emergency room.

Develop plan to take care of the staff who take care of the patients at the hospital.

Prepare to care for petrochemical injuries from toxic chemicals that create trauma and severe burns.

Prepare to care for biological injuries – make drills realistic.

Prepare to care for those with communicable diseases.

### **Prepare plans with flexibility and redundancy:**

The worth of the program or the worth a leader is the system that can self operate without the leader's presence.

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