

## Final Committee Objectives 2024-25

### Disaster Medicine Committee

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1. Develop resources on the utilization of virtual reality simulation within Disaster Medicine
2. Solicit nominations for the Disaster Medical Sciences Award and recommend a recipient to the Board of Directors.
3. Develop disaster medicine-related course proposals and submit them to the Educational Meetings Subcommittee for consideration at ACEP25 and ACEP26 CME and Non-CME Tracks
4. Continue to review and update the Hospital Disaster Assessment Guide for disaster plan development to include domestic and international disaster preparedness.
5. Develop resources for disaster medicine physicians to advocate for clinical leadership roles within hospital emergency/disaster management organizational structures.
6. Develop resources and information on post-disaster Mental Health and well-being.
7. Develop informational resources on how to assess and perform a risk assessment for potential hazards and threats when utilizing new technologies.
8. Serve as a resource to ABEM in the development of the Disaster Medicine subspecialty with the support of the EMS Committee. (Disaster Medicine is the lead committee.)
9. Support the Council of Disaster Medicine Fellowship Directors to develop an interim plan to maximize the initial accreditation of programs.
10. Support the Disaster Medicine Subspecialty with the development of a subspecialty certification review course
11. Develop an information paper on the utilization of Artificial Intelligence (AI) within Disaster Medicine with collaboration from the Health Innovation Technology Committee and the ACEP AI Task Force. (Disaster Medicine is the lead committee.)

*Note: Information papers must be submitted to the Board of Directors for a 30-day comment period prior to submission to ACEP's peer-reviewed journals (Annals of Emergency Medicine and JACEP Open). Author attributions must also include that the information paper was developed by the Disaster Medicine Committee.*

12. Review the following policies per the Policy Sunset Review Process:
  - Disaster Medical Response
  - Handling of Hazardous Materials
  - Support for National Disaster Medical System and Other Response Teams
  - Role of Emergency Physicians in Disaster Preparedness and Response (Impact of COVID Pandemic)

*Determine by December 15 if the policies should be reaffirmed, revised, rescinded, or sunsetted. Submit any proposed revisions to the Board for approval by the end of the committee year.*

13. Continue to identify potential threats to health care infrastructure from cyber-attacks and develop solutions to mitigate them.
14. Develop a repository of identified resources for disaster research and response to include incorporating and updating existing ACEP resources. [added February 2025 as requested by the Disaster Medicine Committee]