

“A call for action from medicine, dentistry, nursing, emergency medical services, hospital systems and public health to strengthen individual and community preparedness, response and resilience to terrorism and other catastrophic events ...”

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In July 2005 and June 2006, the American Medical Association (AMA), in partnership with the American Public Health Association (APHA), convened multidisciplinary summit meetings involving a unique partnership of medicine, dentistry, nursing, hospital, emergency medical services (EMS) and public health leaders to assess health system preparedness against terrorism and other potential mass casualty events. Organizational leaders explored critical factors that impede effective integration of public health and health care systems in a disaster, and developed recommendations to enhance health system capacity to more effectively prepare for, respond to and recover from such events.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the full report “Improving health system preparedness for terrorism and mass casualty events,” with the “pledge of commitment,” please contact:

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Improving health system preparedness for terrorism and mass casualty events

A commitment from medicine, dentistry, nursing, emergency medical services, hospital systems and public health

We in the health professions pledge to make health system preparedness one of our highest priorities. As scientists, public servants and humanitarians, we will incorporate everything possible into our professional and advocacy efforts to strengthen individual and community preparedness, response and resilience to terrorism and other catastrophic events. To support this effort, we resolve to:

- Provide leadership in national, state and local disaster planning and response efforts.
- Put disaster preparedness into practice.
- Educate ourselves and others about disaster preparedness and response.
- Advocate for solutions based on sound science.



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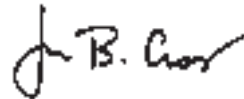
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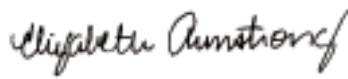
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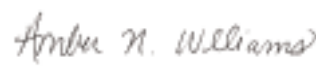
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