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Disaster Exercise Reveals Hope for Hospitals

NexGenisys Software Supports Alternate Care Sites

NexGenisys, a software developer in Kansas City, unveiled their newest product, MEDS|ACS, which supports the delivery of health care to victims of emergencies. The software organizes registration, supports and tracks care services provided and then can link information to hospitals and public health agencies.

A Mass Disaster Exercise called “The New Madrid Fault Earthquake,” designed with simulated victims, was held in Liberty, Missouri at an “alternate care site” to test the IT platform and promote regional preparedness. Alternate Care Sites provide basic health care services to victims not needing immediate emergency critical care when disaster strikes.

The exercise was conducted under a cooperative grant from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and organized by Mid America Regional Council, Liberty Hospital, Clay County Public Health Center, and a host of other organizations. Conducted in a Liberty public school, the exercise simulated basic health care for victims in need from a large scale emergency. The exercise was part of the Missouri Statewide Strategic National Stockpile Exercise during which an earthquake impacted significant portions of South East Missouri.

Diane Kipping, Liberty Hospital’s Employee Health Nurse, who participated in the exercise, stated, “Registration at the exercise went very well and we were able to easily track every patient throughout the site. MEDS|ACS exceeded our expectations for coordinating the care of our simulated victims. In a real wide spread emergency, alternate care sites will play an important role so hospitals can better respond to victims needing immediate critical care.”

Russell Andrews, co-founder of NexGenisys was pleased to have been asked to participate in the exercise, and shared, “MEDS|POD, another of our software applications being used in hospitals and public health agencies, provided us with the platform we needed to leverage and modify for this new application. We feel fortunate to partner with such care-committed people and organizations, but most importantly, our community response capability continues to increase through the leadership exhibited by exercises like these.”

Hospitals across the country need greater surge capacity during disasters and are actively planning to improve their ability to accommodate larger numbers of patients in short periods of time. While past pandemic and natural disaster events have proven to overwhelm hospitals with patients, as part of the federally recommended Modular Emergency Medical System, alternate care sites look to become an intricate part of emergency response planning. Systems such as MEDS|ACS are critical to the execution of these plans.

To learn more about pandemic, bio-terrorism and other hospital and community responses, or to find out how your local public health agencies are planning for preparedness, visit www.nexgenisys.com or www.marc.org.