

Superstorm Sandy

Lessons Learnt

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Background

- Superstorm Sandy - largest Atlantic hurricane on record
- Second costliest Atlantic hurricane = estimated \$50 Billion
- Formed on 22 October, 2012
- Dissipated on 31 October, 2012
- Highest Wind Speeds of 125 km/hr = Category 2 Hurricane
- 185 Fatalities reported so far

Background

- Places affected
 - Carribean
 - Jamaica
 - Haiti
 - Cuba
 - Bahamas
 - Bermuda
 - Canada
 - United States
 - Florida
 - North Carolina
 - Virginia
 - Washington DC
 - Maryland
 - Delaware
 - New Jersey
 - Pennsylvania
 - New York
 - Great Lakes Region
 - Appalachian Mountain Region

Effects of Superstorm Sandy

- Flooding – Coastal and Inland Flooding
- Powercuts (>8.2 million without power)
- Structural Damage
- Water Supply Affected
- Public Transport Shut Down
- Snow Fall
- Fire
- Trees Uprooted

Hospitals Affected

- [NYU Lagone Hospital](#)
- Hoboken University Medical Centre
- VA New York Harbor Hospital
- New York Downtown Hospital
- 16Hospitals of the Northshore LIJ Health System
- Coney Island Hospital
- Bellvue Hospital, New York

Key Lessons Learnt

- What went wrong?
 - Back-up/Emergency Power Supply
 - Communication Systems
- What worked for them?
 - Hospitals had a Emergency Plan in place
 - Networking
 - Centralised Incident Command System

Patient Safety is always of paramount importance!

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