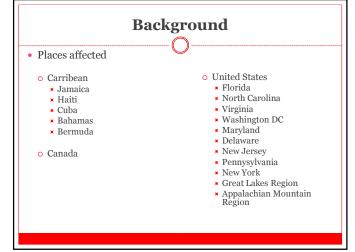


Background

- 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



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

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

Patient Safety is always of paramount importance!

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