



PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT OF DISASTER AND TERRORISM:

Tending to the Hidden Wounds?

Target Audience: Family physicians, internal medicine physicians, pediatricians

About the Course:

The events of September 11th changed our state and country in ways we still can not fully understand. But one of that day's potentially most pervasive and long-lasting results has been its impact on peoples' mental health. Since that day, there have been events that have created a cumulative impact on patients that you treat—the tsunami, Hurricane Katrina (NYS has over 4,000 evacuees), and now returning veterans from the Iraq war. This course will provide you with information about post-traumatic stress disorder and other psychiatric sequelae and will also provide information on how to assess and intervene with your patients that may be suffering from trauma aftermath. The Medical Society of the State of New York is providing this 2-hour Continuing Medical Education (CME) course to enable physicians to diagnose, treat, or refer these patients.

Course Objectives:

- ◆ Physicians will be provided with a background in disaster psychiatry;
- ◆ To integrate knowledge of PTSD and other psychiatric sequelae of trauma and apply it to the psychiatric approach in the aftermath of a disaster;
- ◆ Provide concrete guidance on conducting acute assessments and interventions; diagnose and treatment of patients with trauma related mental health syndromes and disorders;
- ◆ Provide guidance for physicians for treating of victims of trauma and disaster.

About the Faculty:

This seminar will be taught by two physicians from the Medical Society's Task Force on Bioterrorism and Emergency Preparedness. The faculty will include a psychiatrist that has been significantly involved in mental health recovery efforts of disaster survivors, including survivors of 9/11, the tsunami, and Hurricane Katrina.