



UCSF Prepares for Various Disaster Scenarios

Continuing its successful process of joint Medical Center and Campus disaster drills, UCSF began 2007 with several exercise events.

In February, campus and Medical Center had a Pandemic Flu preparedness table top exercise. This workshop focused on communication and notification of a communicable disease outbreak and spread, non-pharmaceutical interventions, and human resource policies.

In March, campus and Medical Center will host a tabletop workshop to examine the impact of an emergency event at ATT Park on UCSF's China Basin site and Mission Bay campus. This workshop follows on a February emergency exercise at ATT Park that tests a large-scale evacuation of the ballpark. Representatives from San Francisco's Division of Emergency Services and Department of Public Health will participate to increase awareness of UCSF's many programs in the Mission Bay neighborhood and to educate UCSF staff about the City's emergency response plans.

Finally, in April, San Francisco will host its annual Earthquake Drill in remembrance of the 1906 earthquake. On April 18, the Medical Center will activate its full Incident Command and respond to an influx of volunteer victims. This exercise will specifically focus on follow-up areas identified in the November 2006 earthquake exercise. Campus will participate with a more focused exercise to support Medical Center operations.

Additional planning is underway for table top exercises to take place through summer and fall. UCSF will once again participate in the Golden Guardian regional exercise in November. UCSF programs should use these periodic exercises as reminders to review your workplace Emergency Action Plan and develop a personal preparedness plan.