

MEMORANDUM FOR: All Licensed Independent Practitioners (LIPs)
SUBJECT: Licensed Independent Practitioners Role in Emergency Response

As a practitioner with Medical Staff privileges at Trinity Health Grand Rapids you are an essential part of our organization's ability to provide patient care in the event of a community emergency or disaster. This letter is meant to serve as a reminder to the vital role you play in the hospital's ability to respond to emergencies that may impact the community. A crisis requires the mobilization of resources, both human and material, for an efficient and effective response. In the event of a situation such as a mass casualty incident, epidemic, tornado, major utility failure, act of terror, or hazardous materials release, the health care system may be pushed beyond its normal capacities.

Trinity Health Grand Rapids has a comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) that helps guide the organization's response to an emergency. Your expertise may be needed to assist with the organization's response. Communication with our medical staff is an essential component of this plan. Accordingly, you may be called upon to report to the hospital to provide medical support or remain at the hospital to help ensure continuity of services and quality of care to our patients. Your involvement would depend upon your specialty and the nature of the disaster. You would be contacted by a representative of the hospital's incident command team at the request of the Chief of Staff, Chief Medical Officer, or the individual designated as the Hospital Incident Commander. Upon being contacted, you will be advised as to where your services are most needed.

We recognize that circumstances during a crisis may hinder your ability to respond, however, your support and willingness to care for THGR's patients during a disaster will aid us in meeting our obligation to the community.

Thank you for your ongoing service and dedication to Trinity Health Grand Rapids and our patients. If you have questions or are interested in learning more about the hospital's EOP and Emergency Preparedness activities, please feel free to contact us.

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