

It Happens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Vegas	3	4	5 Vegas	6	7
8	9 Evac.	10	11 Evac	12 Evac	13	14 Inf Dis
15 Other	16	17	18	19	20 Inf Dis	21
22	23 Other	24	25 Inf Dis	26 Other	27	28
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Disasters happen every day, yet we always think, "it can't happen here." That myth creates obstacles to appropriate emergency preparedness.

The following headlines illustrate hospital response on a local, regional and national level.

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[Northern California firestorm is straining hospitals and the healthcare system](#)

[A New Jersey hospital partially evacuated due to smoke](#)

LAS VEGAS SHOOTING

[Hospitals call for backup to handle hundreds of shooting victims](#)

[Las Vegas hospitals shift into full gear for unprecedented medical crisis](#)

[As the wounded kept coming, hospitals dealt with injuries rarely seen in the U.S.](#)

[Las Vegas shooting test mass casualty training of healthcare professionals](#)

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

[Puerto Ricans at risk of waterborne disease outbreaks in wake of Hurricane Maria](#)

[California declares state of emergency over deadly Hepatitis A outbreak](#)

OTHER TOPICS OF INTEREST

[Acting Secretary Hargan declares public health emergency in California due to wildfires](#)

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