

Vivre-ensemble abroad: Lessons from Ukraine

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Disaster medical response is a team effort: Don't go it alone.



Self-deployed individuals can be an increased burden on an already suffering population

Begin with the recipients of your care: Good intentions are not enough



It may be challenging to deliver the level of care you are accustomed to, though patients still deserve the best. Manage expectations and have a process to reflect.

Work within the overall infrastructure



Collaborate directly with local providers and all levels of government. Efforts have to integrate into the existing system, as well as overall disaster plan.

Be flexible and ready for "any duties as assigned"



Your job today is the task that needs doing today, be that provide EM care, mop a floor, or drive a manual car. Be present for the right reasons.

Be prepared. Expect the unexpected.

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