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In response to the 2010 Haiti Earthquake, we would like to provide you with the following information. If you have any questions on these or other clinical issues, please write to us at coca@cdc.gov.

CDC Resources for Clinicians Treating Individuals Returning From Haiti

The recent earthquake in Haiti has resulted in a huge response effort involving our global, domestic, government, and non-government partners. Many organizations and agencies have already deployed staff to assist in the effort and we anticipate many more will be working in Haiti over the coming months. At the same time, the probable repatriation of thousands of U.S. citizens and the potential arrival of thousands of Haitian evacuees will directly impact local communities. Understandably, this means that many health professionals are or will be actively engaged in this response at the local level.

CDC is developing guidance and emergency information for affected communities in Haiti, relief workers responding to the earthquake, clinicians who are treating evacuees, partners who are working in Haiti, and the public. COCA is committed to providing information to providers, so that they can stay informed and meet the needs of their patients. To assist in any efforts, please see the following materials and resources, which target healthcare providers treating evacuees and/or returning relief workers in their local communities. Please feel free to share this information with interested parties or contact us at coca@cdc.gov if you need additional information.

The following is a list of resources for potential infectious diseases that patients arriving from Haiti may present.

Dengue

Dengue Information for Healthcare Practitioners

http://www.cdc.gov/dengue/resources/Dengue&DHF%20Information%20for%20Health%20Care%20Practitioners_2009.pdf

Diphtheria

Diphtheria Information

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/diphtheria_t.htm

Hepatitis

Hepatitis ABC Fact Sheet

http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/Resources/Professionals/PDFs/ABCTable_BW.pdf

Leptospirosis

Leptospirosis Information

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/leptospirosis_t.htm

Lymphatic Filariasis

Lymphatic Filariasis Information

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/parasites/lymphaticfilariasis/factsht_lymphatic_filar.htm

Malaria

Treatment of Malaria (Guidelines for Clinicians)

<http://www.cdc.gov/malaria/pdf/clinicalguidance.pdf>

Tuberculosis

TB-Elimination: Diagnosis of Tuberculosis Disease

<http://www.cdc.gov/tb/publications/factsheets/testing/diagnosis.pdf>

Typhoid

Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2010/chapter-2/typhoid-paratyphoid-fever.aspx>

The following resources were developed for other types of disasters but have information that can be applied to Haiti response efforts.

Medical Management and Patient Advisement After a Disaster

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/management.asp>

Post Disaster Medical Screening: NIOSH Guidance for Post-exposure Medical Screening of Workers Leaving Hurricane Disaster Recovery Areas

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/emres/pdfs/Medscreenwork.pdf>

For additional earthquake resources for providers please visit the CDC Emergency Preparedness and Response Earthquakes Information webpage.

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/earthquakes/>

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If you need further information or technical help, please send an e-mail message to: coca@cdc.gov.

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