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**AMA NEW PUBLISHER AND DISTRIBUTOR OF AMA DISASTER MEDICINE JOURNAL
*New Journal Study Finds H1N1 Affected ED Personnel More Than Any Other Hospital Worker***

CHICAGO – The American Medical Association (AMA) announced today that it is the exclusive publisher and distributor of the AMA's *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness* journal, formerly published by Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins. The journal's Web site will remain the same (www.dmphp.org), but a more sophisticated platform is being developed to help improve the journal's visibility and engagement with the medical and public health community.

Current features on the AMA's *Disaster Medicine and Public Health* journal's Web site include open access to relevant articles and a Webinar for Haiti earthquake response volunteers. The journal will continue to publish ahead of print important studies that can help emergency response health care professionals. Ongoing Web site enhancements are planned that include continuous updates from the field about emerging health needs. Continuing medical education (CME) credits will also be available online.

A new study published in the current March issue of the AMA's *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness* journal found that almost half (49 percent) of the reported H1N1 cases in hospital health care workers occurred in emergency medicine, pediatrics, ambulatory care and anesthesiology, with emergency medicine workers having the highest infection rate. These departments make up less than 20 percent of the total hospital departments studied.

Indexed in MedLine, the AMA's *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness* journal is committed to the medical and public health communities. It is the first comprehensive and authoritative journal emphasizing public health preparedness and disaster response for all health care and public health professionals globally.

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Editor's Note: To obtain complete online access to the journal, contact AMA Media Relations at (312) 464-4813 and provide appropriate press credentials. The AMA's *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness* journal maintains editorial independence and the statements and opinions in the journal, including the articles referenced above, are not those of the AMA.

About AMA's Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness Journal

The AMA Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness journal was created to promote public health preparedness and the science of disaster medicine. It is the first comprehensive, peer-reviewed publication emphasizing public health preparedness and disaster response. The journal is published by the American Medical Association and an online version can be found on the web at www.dmphp.org. For information about individual subscriptions contact the AMA Unified Service Center at 800-262-2350. Institutions wishing to order may contact journalsales@ama-assn.org. Follow the AMA Disaster Medicine and Public Health journal and other AMA news on Twitter at:

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