



SESSION 147

Code Orange Rural Preparedness: Lessons learned from the Humboldt Bus Crash

Dr Witt will review the events of the Humboldt bus crash Mass Causality Incident (MCI) including EMS on-scene triage, the rural hospital response and the ultimate evacuation of patients to tertiary care. Lessons learned from this experience will be shared with participants with the goal of improving the rural hospital MCI response. There will be opportunity for questions and discussions.

1. At the end of this presentation participants will have an improved understanding of MCI triage and the 'disaster mindset'.
2. Participants will gain a greater understanding of communication pitfalls in the MCI; strategies to avoid these pitfalls will be explored.
3. Participants will be aware of the importance of Critical Incident Stress Management for healthcare providers in the period following the MCI event.