HOSPITAL HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS Cause Map

After Hurricane Sandy, medical centers work to prevent future issues

“What we see regarding hospital readiness for large-scale disasters are random acts of preparedness. Hardy sufficient.”
- Irwin Redlener, director of the National Center for Disaster Preparedness, Columbia University

As a result of Hurricane Sandy, multiple hospitals in New York City were evacuated, many of which earned accreditation by the Joint Commission - which includes criteria for emergency preparedness and backup power capacity. NYU Langone Medical Center has upgraded its infrastructure and purchased backup power capacity. NYU Langone Medical Center has upgraded its infrastructure and purchased backup power capacity. NYU Langone Medical Center has upgraded its infrastructure and purchased backup power capacity. NYU Langone Medical Center has upgraded its infrastructure and purchased backup power capacity.

What about the hospitals that managed to weather the storm? The Shorefront Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing Care in Brooklyn, just a few yards from the Atlantic Ocean, was praised for its handling of the storm - and assistance it provided to other healthcare facilities. Says their administrator, Loyola Princivil-Barnett, “Our executive team have been taking, and are taking, emergencies very seriously. It’s a matter of life and death.”

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