

## **New York Academy of Medicine's Resource Guide for Public Health Preparedness**

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The Resource Guide for Public Health Preparedness (RGPHP) had its origins in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States and the subsequent anthrax scare later on that year. It became clear that there was no one place where disaster related material could be located but multiple sources had to be consulted. Since 2002 the New York Academy of Medicine has worked under a grant from the National Library of Medicine identifying freely available disaster related material on the internet and disseminating links to this material through its database RGPHP at <http://www.phppreparedness.info/>.

Material is collected by the Project Librarian who enters it into the RGPHP database using over 200 subject headings in 4 disaster phases for 9 audience types. Material becomes available only after the Project Director authorizes the release. To date the database contains over 2000 items dealing with both man-made and natural disasters. RSS feed on the latest additions is pushed out once a week, and once a month a reminder is sent to about 100 subscribers. Subscription to RGPHP is free.

The future directions may include mirroring the database as well as transforming the database into an OAI-PMH repository. Also, convening an advisory group to discuss future directions, including annotation of resources has been discussed.