

**Student-oriented disaster preparedness lecture series:
“Leadership Skills in the Emergency Setting”
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Lecture outline:

- I. Case scenario—mass casualty
 - a. Students discussed (in small groups) possible approaches from a standpoint of an ED physician
 - b. Each group shared their thoughts at the end of the exercise and Dean Haywood provided feedback

- II. To ensure the well-being of the patient, some issues to consider in the ED in the event of a disaster or mass casualty are (in alphabetical order):
 - a. Disaster scene
 - b. Effective and efficient communication
 - c. Methods of identification of patients and their records
 - d. Space
 - e. Specific plan of action
 - f. Staffing
 - g. Supplies
 - h. Triage system

- III. A good leader in a disaster situation will:
 - a. Listen and observe
 - b. Work well with others
 - c. Delegate, not “dump”, specific tasks
 - d. Solicit ideas from others about the best approach
 - e. Encourage independent thinking
 - f. Think of creative ways of accomplishing tasks
 - g. Brief the whole team
 - h. Give praise to the group
 - i. Take responsibility for his/her actions and acknowledge own mistakes
 - j. Serve as a role model and inspire excellence

- IV. Personal experiences in a disaster setting:
 - a. 9/11
 - b. Katrina