




*6th Annual Alaska Hospital  
Preparedness Conference*

# Simplicity is Just an Illusion

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*Anchorage Hilton*



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## General Information

### Conference Overview

The 6th Annual Alaska Hospital Preparedness Conference has been designed to meet the educational needs of hospital and nursing home staff with emergency management responsibilities. The conference theme "*Simplicity is Just an Illusion*" is evident throughout all sessions and activities.

This year's agenda is designed to address the resource management and evacuation issues that facilities are currently addressing internally. This year's agenda begins with a pre-conference session designed for nursing homes. The following two-day conference includes two best practice keynotes, a tabletop exercise and more.

### Hotel and Conference Location

The conference will be held at the Anchorage Hilton, located at 500 West Third Avenue in Downtown Anchorage. To receive the conference rate of \$109/night, make your reservation by visiting <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/ANCAHHF-AHN-20080125/index.html> or call 1-800-HILTONS. The conference code is 'ASHNHA'.

### Travel Reimbursement

Travel reimbursement is available for two staff from hospitals and nursing homes. For more information about reimbursement see the SFY 2008 Program Travel Policy at [www.akhpp.com](http://www.akhpp.com).

### Cancellation Policy

Registered parties need to cancel at least 1 week in advance by notifying Katy Branch at [katy@ashnha.com](mailto:katy@ashnha.com) or 907-646-1444. Please note that no travel reimbursements will be paid to anyone who does not attend the entire conference.

### Attire

Business casual is appropriate attire for this event.

### On-Site Registration

All attendees should check-in on-site during the registration times listed on the agenda. Pre-registration is required for this event. Walk-in's will not be able to register upon arrival.

### Registration

There is no registration fee for this conference. Registration will be accepted online only through January 18, 2007. Register at: [https://www.sporg.com/pom/registration?cmd=event\\_info&event\\_id=97774](https://www.sporg.com/pom/registration?cmd=event_info&event_id=97774).

### Additional Information

For additional information, contact Katy Branch at (907) 646-1444 or [katy@ashnha.com](mailto:katy@ashnha.com).

# Pre-Conference Session

*Monday, January 28, 2008*

This pre-conference session is reserved for nursing home participants only.

**11:30 am      REGISTRATION & LUNCH PROVIDED**

**12:45 pm      WELCOME & INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

**1:00 pm      Emergency Response for Long Term Care**

As the nation becomes more prepared to deal with disasters of all types, the risk to our vulnerable populations is ever-increasing. When coupled with the fact that LTC has not routinely been involved in the planning process or in exercising plans in an integrated fashion, this risk demands that we identify the gaps in LTC preparedness and address them. In this pre-conference seminar, Dr. Hagen will discuss three areas of pressing concern:

- Differences in the management structure between non-crisis and disaster situations (use of the Incident Command System),
- Specific plans relating to evacuation of most impaired patients (including dementia and Alzheimer's), and
- Initial steps to be taken by LTC in the event of a disaster.

We will use these discussions as a springboard to better understand what will be demanded of us during crisis. This opportunity to discuss preparedness issues will optimize the following two days of interaction with the hospital sector and the planned tabletop exercise.

This session is reserved for nursing home participants only and has limited space availability.

**Presented by:**

James C. Hagen, Ph.D., MBA, MPH, NHA  
Director, Disaster Preparedness and Management Certificate Program  
Professor of Public Health  
Director, Public and Non-Profit Management Program  
Graham School of Management  
Saint Xavier University

**4:45 pm      CLOSING REMARKS**

**5:00 pm      Welcome Reception**

All conference attendees are invited and encouraged to join us for a reception to kick off the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hospital Preparedness Conference. Take this opportunity to reconnect with your peers from across the state and mingle with conference speakers and Program Staff. We hope you will join us!

Non-alcoholic beverages and heavy hors d'ouvres will be served.

# Conference Agenda

## Tuesday, January 29, 2008

**7:30 am**      **REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST**

**8:15 am**      **WELCOME & INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

**8:30 am**      **KEYNOTE: Receiving Patients from an Evacuated Hospital**

During Hurricane Katrina/Rita, Baton Rouge hospitals were flooded with patients. The speaker will share her experience in responding to a catastrophic disaster in a neighboring community and provide insight on how to prepare to be a receiving hospital during an evacuation.

**Presented by:**

Allyn Whaley-Martin  
Director of Safety/Region 2 Hospital Coordinator  
Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center  
Baton Rouge, LA

**10:00 am**      **BREAK**

**10:15 am**      **PANEL DISCUSSION: Alaska's Emergency Management Support System**

This lively panel discussion will help hospitals to better understand how the Emergency Management System is interrelated and can support their needs during a disaster. Discussion will cover topics such as communications and transportation, among others.

**Panel Members:**

<b>Local</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Federal</b>
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**11:30 am**      **Overview of the Progressive Exercise Plan**

This short session will provide an overview of the evacuation exercise plan for the tabletop at the conference and the functional exercise in the following weeks.

**Presented by:**

Tom Grace, RN, PhD	Ed Jasper, MD
E.M. Innovations, Inc.	E.M. Innovations, Inc.

**Noon**      **LUNCH PROVIDED**

**1:00 pm**      **Tabletop Exercise**

This tabletop exercise will provide an opportunity for hospital representatives and key public partners to share plans and expectations with an evacuation of a hospital in Alaska.

**Presented by:**

Tom Grace, RN, PhD	Ed Jasper, MD
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**3:00 pm**      **BREAK**

**3:15 pm**      **Exercise Debriefing Process**

A facilitated discussion of the tabletop exercise will provide participants an opportunity to discuss the findings of the exercise and help shape the functional exercise to follow.

**Presented by:**

Tom Grace, RN, PhD  
E.M. Innovations, Inc.

Ed Jasper, MD  
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**4:45 pm**      **CLOSING REMARKS**

# Conference Agenda

*Wednesday, January 30, 2008*

**7:30 am**      **BREAKFAST**

**8:15 am**      **WELCOME & INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

**8:30 am**      **Lessons Learned in Resource Management During SARS**

These speakers will share their experience in addressing the multiple human resource issues during the Toronto SARS epidemic.

**Presented by:**

Jamie Campbell, B.Ed, BA (Hon.), M.Ed  
Director, Organizational Development  
North York General Hospital

Mary T. Yates, BA (Hon), M.Ed  
Director, Organization Development  
York Central Hospital

**10:00 am**      **BREAK**

**10:30 am**      **Ethical Considerations in Hospital Disaster Decision-Making**

This presentation will explore ethical considerations in healthcare disaster planning.

**Presented by:**

Jan C. Heller, Ph.D.  
System Director, Ethics and Theology  
Providence Health & Services

**Noon**      **LUNCH**

**1:00 pm**      **Program Update from the Department of Health and Social Services**

An update will be provided on the priorities and activities of the Preparedness Program from the Department of Health and Social Services.

**Presented by:**

Sally Abbott, ANP, MSN  
Hospital Coordinator  
Department of Health and Social Services

**1:40 pm**      **Observer/Controller Training**

This session will prepare the facilities to facilitate their functional evacuation exercise.

**Presented by:**

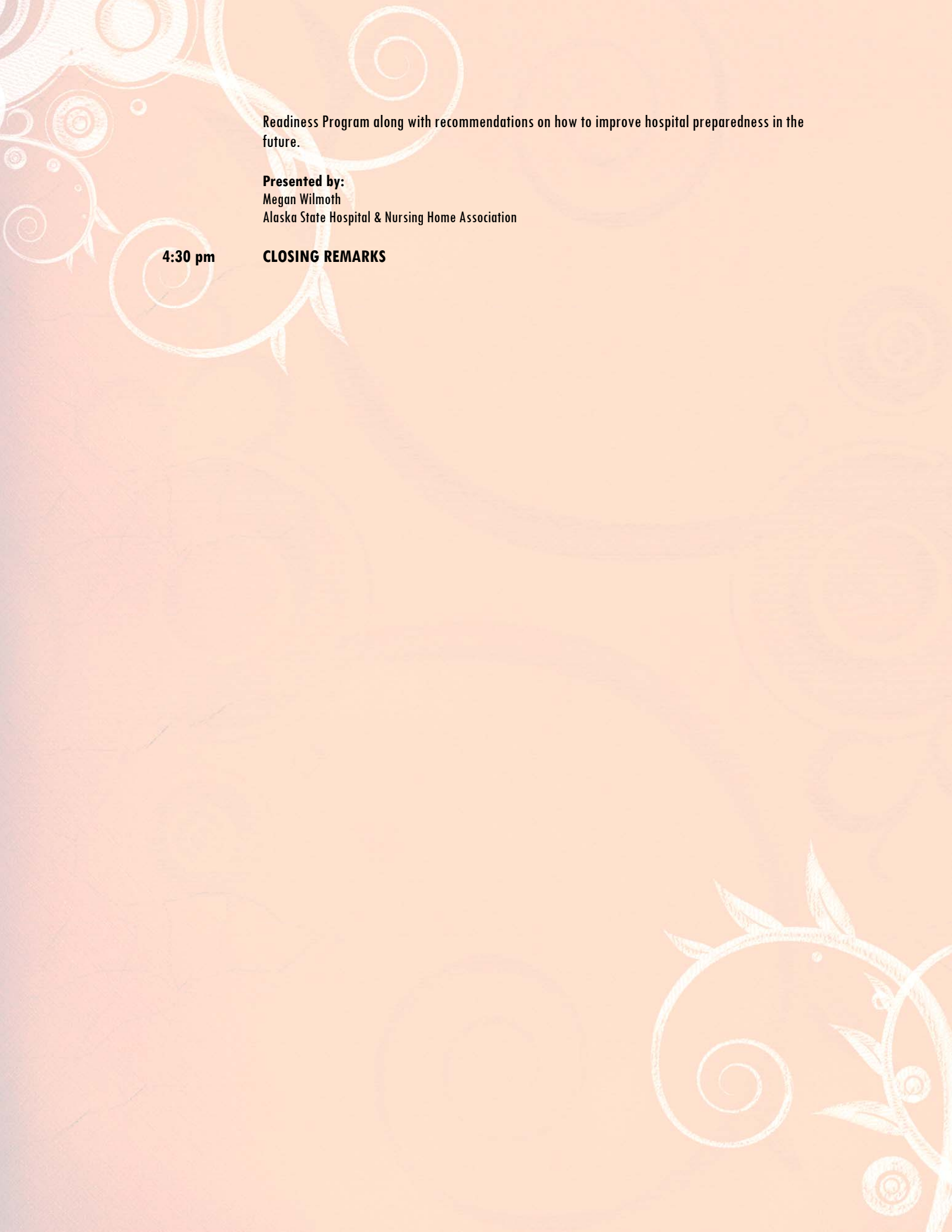
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E.M. Innovations, Inc.

**3:00 pm**      **BREAK**

**3:15 pm**      **Simplicity is Just an Illusion: The Hospital Preparedness Experience**

This closing presentation will provide a reflection on the six year history of the Alaska Hospital



Readiness Program along with recommendations on how to improve hospital preparedness in the future.

**Presented by:**  
Megan Wilmoth  
Alaska State Hospital & Nursing Home Association

**4:30 pm**

**CLOSING REMARKS**