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Preface

This manual is not meant to replace other “disaster books.” It is designed to provide a simplified operational blueprint, for health care professionals and emergency managers, for planning the response and medical management during events with large number of sick and injured patients.

The first edition, *Mass Casualty Incidents: The Nuts and Bolts of Preparedness and Response for Acute Disasters*” published in 2016, dealt exclusively with events that are abrupt in nature.

This second edition expands its focus and includes preparations and response for insidious and protracted disasters as well.

Most of the information in this manual is derived from the Israeli experience in managing mass casualty events for almost 70 years. Some of this knowledge was adapted to Emergency Medical Services and medical centers in the United States and other countries.

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