WHAT NURSES SEE
WHAT NURSES DON'T SEE
VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

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Charting a Path to Achieve Health Equity

- The national academies of sciences, engineering, and medicine.
- Project Focus: Recommendation #8-Nurses in Disaster Preparedness and Public Health Emergency Response

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Let us never consider ourselves finished, nurses. We must be learning all of our lives.
- Florence Nightingale

KEYWORDS
- Healthcare Equity
- Health Disparity
- Health Equity
- Health Inequity
- Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)

VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

- Close the Gap
- Public's positive perception/trust in nurses
- Develop data and use data to find the most vulnerable
- Collaborate with community services
- Prepare vulnerable populations for disaster scenarios
- Share ideas, teach each other by historical experiences-Nursing research

- Individuals from the vulnerable populations also need to be on the team because they will contribute valuable information about meeting their special needs for emergency planning and response decisions (Heagle, 2016, p. 301).

NURSES-VULNERABLE POPULATION DURING DISASTER

Exhaustion
Staffing Shortages
Tension
Confusion
Family concerns
Torn in many directions
Disaster Policy
Lack of Self Care
Lateral violence/bullying/mocking/disrespect

PEOPLE OF COLOR-VULNERABLE POPULATION DURING DISASTER

Racial tension/incivility
Access to medication
Lack of trust
High risk of heart attack—needing higher level of care
Medical care left untreated
Violence/Injustice
Feeling inferior due to racism
2022 WNA Membership Assembly and Annual Meeting
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**ELDERLY-VULNERABLE POPULATION DURING DISASTER**
- Medication management
- Independent living situations but patient is in a W/C on the 4th floor.
- Lack information from media-TV
- Lack support
- Hearing/Vision/Strength

**CHILDREN-VULNERABLE POPULATION DURING DISASTER**
- Family separation
- Needing pediatric nursing available
- Inability to understand/trust
- Food insecurity

**DISABLED & CHRONIC ILLNESS-VULNERABLE POPULATION DURING DISASTER**
- Lack of transportation
- Needing medical devices
- Pregnant women need to be at hospital if close to delivery
- Food insecurity
- Medical care/Follow-up halts

**MENTAL ILLNESS-VULNERABLE POPULATION DURING DISASTER**
- Homelessness
- Poverty
- Confusion-exacerbate or worsen condition

**LOW INCOME-VULNERABLE POPULATION DURING DISASTER**
- Food insecurity
- Lack of money for transportation, housing alternatives
- No car to get away from disaster or be tested and bus not running
- Unemployment

**IMMIGRANTS/REFUGEES-VULNERABLE POPULATION DURING DISASTER**
- Language barrier
- Poverty
- Lack of primary care
- Housing
- Racial tension-incivility
**LGBTQ-VULNERABLE POPULATION DURING DISASTER**

Discrimination

**RURAL GEOGRAPHY-VULNERABLE POPULATION DURING DISASTER**

- Lack of transportation
- Lack of supplies
- Food insecurity-no transportation to store
- Caregiver not available
- Phone/electricity outage
- National Guard or FEMA unable to rescue due to being remote
- Unable to get to hospital
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