

DESIGNING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE SYSTEMS TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

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Emergency response to patients with medical needs after a disaster is a critical aspect of public safety and community resilience. An effective response to emergency medical patients can be achieved by designing a system that

- Allocates limited resources such as ambulances in resource-constrained settings,
- Leverages data and triage information to inform the design of response districts, and
- Sheds light on how these decisions change after a disaster.

In this talk, Dr. Laura Albert will discuss how analytical methods can be used to design emergency response systems and provide guidance into how to design data-driven emergency response systems. She will discuss how system design decisions must change after weather disasters when the system is congested and critical infrastructure is impaired.

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Analytics of Resilient Cyber-Physical-Social Networks

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