

**Mass General Responds to Dominica for Acute Dialysis Care
SITUATION REPORT – 13 October 2017**

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Background

On September 18, Category 5 Hurricane Maria made landfall in the **Commonwealth of Dominica**, destroying power lines, water supply lines, agriculture, and telecommunications, damaging health centers and bridges, and blocking roadways with landslides. Restoration of healthcare services, power, water, food, and shelter have been identified as priority areas for humanitarian response.¹

Mass General Responds to Dominica

At the request of the Government of Dominica and the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO), the Massachusetts General Hospital has deployed a series of **Emergency Medical Teams for Acute Dialysis Care** to the Princess Margaret Hospital in Roseau.

The 5-member teams include physicians, nurses, and logisticians, and are supported remotely by subject matter experts in hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, and global disaster response from Mass General.

The teams are supported by a security and logistics expert from the MGH TravelSafe program to manage team transit over sea and land, identify secure housing, and develop medical and security evacuation plans for the team.²

Emergency Medical Team for Acute Dialysis Care – TEAM BRAVO (Deployed)

Kevin Murphy, RN (MGH Global Disaster Response Field Team Leader)
Jennifer Samiotes RN (MGH PICU)
Ryan Wildes (Partners HealthCare Risk Management)
Paula Restrepo, RN (MGH Dialysis Unit)
Juan Pablo Domecq Garces, MD (BWH/MGH Renal Fellowship)

Emergency Medical Team for Acute Dialysis Care – TEAM ALPHA (Returned)

Grace Deveney, RN, MSN, MPH (MGH Global Disaster Response Field Team Leader)
Roberta Culbert-Costley, RN, CNS (MGH Dialysis Unit)
Kimberly Gail Waugh, RN (MGH Pediatrics)
Jaclyn Nichole Jones, RN (MGH Dialysis Unit)
Megan Rybarczyk, MD (BWH Department of Emergency Medicine)

Situation Updates

TEAM BRAVO has arrived safely in Dominica to relieve TEAM ALPHA. TEAM ALPHA has returned safely to the U.S. Due to current conditions on the island, the teams face austere conditions for housing and

¹ <https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/OCHA-Dominica-Sitrep%201%20-%20Hurricane%20Maria-ENG-20170925.pdf> (Accessed 02 October 2017)

² <http://globalhealth.massgeneral.org/resources/safety-security/> (Accessed 02 October 2017)



while working at the Princess Margaret Hospital. Access to hygiene facilities, electricity, and telecommunications have been adequate. The dialysis unit is fully operational with 10 machines. MGH staff have allowed the nursing director for the unit to grant extra leave to the staff nurses to attend to their family needs.

Employees and Staff

If you are an employee of the Massachusetts General Hospital interested in volunteering for domestic or international deployments to support medical operations after disasters, please [submit a profile](#) to our disaster response database.

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<http://globalhealth.massgeneral.org/hurricane-updates>