About the workshop:
Missioncraft is the art and science of preparing and conducting field operations. This 1-week intensive workshop presents best practices for health personnel in international disaster relief operations. The workshop is offered to selected medical and public health professionals who deploy to disasters as full-time, field-based, hands-on providers. The workshop aims to enhance skill sets required in leadership roles such as organisational team leader or medical co-ordinator. It is designed for experienced professionals in pursuit of mastery, and is not intended for medical tourists.

Key Topics

- Pre-departure preparation
- Field briefing
- Rapid epidemiological assessment
- Field reporting
- Standardised case management
- Field project management
- Tools inventory
- Contingency planning and lethal situation management
- Technical issues in perfect storms—field agency, cluster system, and donor failures
- Dysfunctional staff
- VIPs and curious non-producers (politicians, princes and movie stars)
- 10 key deliverables of medical coordinators
- Career development and networking

Potential participants:

- Health care workers with current board certification or specialty society fellowship in clinical medicine or public health
- Disaster management professionals with authority to lead health teams from governmental (civil or military), non-governmental, Red Cross, or UN agencies
- Humanitarian professionals with 1 year or more of disaster field experience
- Persons anticipating future deployment to disasters as medical team leader or medical coordinator

Venue: School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Monash University, The Alfred Centre, ‘B’ Lobby (via Centre Lane), 99 Commercial Road, Melbourne Vic 3004.

Course date: 7-11 April, 2014

Learning mode: Multi-modal in classroom setting

Cost: Workshop fee is $2,900.00 AUD per person (incl. of GST). This fee covers reference manual, course materials, photocopy use, daily catering and conference dinner. Selected participants from developing countries may be offered tuition assistance.

About the faculty:

The workshop is presented in collaboration with the Disaster Medical Coordination International Society. The Society is a private, non-profit, humanitarian, technical organisation based in Washington, DC, which engages faculty with expertise in inter-disciplinary, inter-agency, and international best practices in disasters.

Each faculty member possesses all of the following qualifications:

- current specialty board certifications or specialty society fellowships in clinical medicine and public health
- organisational experience as disaster medical co-ordinator or health advisor for governmental, non-governmental, United Nations, and Red Cross organisations
- field experience as disaster medical co-ordinator or health advisor in over twenty countries on five continents
- language fluency in two or more official UN languages
- medical licensure in two or more countries
- national or international awards for field activities from governmental, non-governmental, and Red Cross organisations

Faculty anticipated for the 2014 workshop:

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Application:

Admission to the workshop is by approval. Participant numbers are limited.

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