Support for National Disaster Medical System and Other Response Teams

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) believes that every community needs a comprehensive plan for immediate emergency medical care in case its medical care system is overwhelmed or rendered ineffective in a disaster. As a component of this plan, ACEP supports the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) and encourages further development and funding of the program. ACEP also supports its members who participate in the Disaster Medical Assistance Teams, or other federal or state-sponsored medical teams, and encourages entities such as health care facilities and EMS services and employers such as medical practice groups to allow, encourage, and support their employees to participate.

In addition, the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) supports its members who participate in other federal response teams such as Urban Search and Rescue and encourages entities such as health care facilities and EMS services and employers such as medical practice groups to allow, encourage, and support their employees to participate.