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Global emergency nursing: the crucial role of nursing in global acute care systems development

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Health care systems all around the world are currently overwhelmed with emergency and acute care cases: in hospital emergency rooms, in ICU's and surgical wards, in medical wards and in outpatient settings. Emergency medicine and emergency nursing are among the youngest new medical and nursing specialties in the world. Emergency care systems are fully developed in only a handful of countries around the world, and many countries are only recently beginning to recognize and develop their own emergency care and acute care systems. Emergency care systems consist of focused training, specialization, recognition and licensing of the related areas of emergency medicine, emergency nursing, pre-hospital and ambulance systems, hospital-related emergency/acute care/trauma/critical care services, and more. Further, comprehensive emergency care systems development involves focusing on clinical care, education, administration/management, finance/economics, legislative, health policy and public health aspects of emergency care and acute care systems development. Emergency nursing is one of the most crucial aspects of the emergency care system and health care systems, all around the world are recognizing the growing need of focused training, development, official recognition and support for emergency nurses. At the end of this session, the learner will have a greater understanding of: the state of emergency care and acute care systems development all around the world; the past, present and future directions of emergency care and acute care systems globally; the crucial role of emergency nurses in both the development and in the functioning of emergency care and acute care systems; how to get more involved in global emergency care systems development country by country, all around the world.