

The *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved* announces a

Call for Papers

on the theme of

Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma and their Public Health Implications

Papers for this issue are due on **September 1, 2006** (one year after Katrina struck). (They will undergo the regular process of double-blind peer review.) We plan to publish the issue in May 2007.

We hope the following list of topic areas will stimulate potential authors to consider submitting material. We are especially interested in how race and/or class relate to specific public health concerns emanating from the disaster and in ideas for solutions.

Areas of interest for the special issue:

- Environmental justice, including work concerning levee construction policy
- Nursing homes' and hospitals' care for the elderly and severely disabled during and after the hurricanes
- Trauma and post-traumatic stress
- Effects of displacement on individuals and communities
- Care during crises for medically disabled people who (i) depend on electronic devices, (ii) are unable to move unassisted, (iii) may be isolated

- Medications: availability, refrigeration, and records
- Hospital and community health center preparedness, responses, and recovery time (until operational again)
- Infectious disease, mold, drinking water, increased risk of West Nile Virus, toxic contaminants
- Pre-existing environmental and health conditions
- The roles of media attention and lack of attention
- Hidden effects on hidden populations, such as undocumented immigrants

We also welcome inquiries about the suitability of other relevant topics. We are eager to publish work from the academic and public health worlds that will be part of the solution to the ongoing public crisis blown onto center stage by Hurricane Katrina in late summer 2005.

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