

HURRICANE NATE FOLLOW UP GUIDE #1

As the cleanup is becoming stable there exists several things that can cause injury, illness and great discomfort. This a guide to the most frequent post hurricane problems. It is prepared for NaCCRA individual residents and communities and continues the **SITUATION AWARENESS-CRITICAL INFORMATIO-KEY RESOURCES** matrix. Much of the information is from FDA's Division of Drug Information www.fda.gov

SITUATION AWARENESS:

Check the status of electric power outage expected duration

Update your prescription medications, when refills are due , including dose and use

Identify medications that need refrigeration/cooling.

Determine if your pharmacy service or mail delivery is disrupted

Medications with flooding/water damage should be in plastic containers

CRITICAL INFORMATION:

Identify clear and trusted sources of information. Word of mouth and incomplete reporting can lead to unconfirmed hearsay. During and after the hurricane rumors abound about impending road and bridge closures, water shutoffs and open/closed gas stations, pharmacies, Trash clean up may take a long time. Most accidents occur with clean up. It is always good to rely CCRC staff, equipment and their community communications.

KEY RESOURCES:

Mark storage box/plastic bags for medicines exposed to excessive heat.

Storage tub/pot for drugs to hold in a safe spot until discarded.

Insulin needles/pens and damaged supplies in closed cover pill bottle

Insulin storage [www.fda.gov/Drugs/EmergencyPreparedness/ucm085200,htm](http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/EmergencyPreparedness/ucm085200.htm)