

**Mass General Responds to Dominica for Acute Dialysis Care
SITUATION REPORT – 03 October 2017**

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Background

On September 18, Category 5 Hurricane Maria pounded the **Commonwealth of Dominica** in the Caribbean, destroying power and water supply lines, agriculture, and telecommunications, damaging health centers and bridges, and blocking roadways with landslides. Restoration of healthcare services, power, water, food, and shelter have been identified as priority areas for humanitarian response.¹

Mass General Responds to Dominica

At the request of the Government of Dominica and the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO), the Massachusetts General Hospital has deployed an **Emergency Medical Team for Acute Dialysis Care** at the Princess Margaret Hospital in Roseau.

The 5-member team includes physicians, nurses, and logisticians, and is remotely supported by subject matter experts in hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, and global disaster response from Mass General.

The team is supported by a security and logistics expert under the MGH TravelSafe program to manage team transit over sea and land, identify secure housing, and develop medical and security evacuation plans for the team.²

Emergency Medical Team for Acute Dialysis Care

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Situation Updates

The team has arrived safely in Dominica. Due to current conditions on the island, the team is facing extremely austere conditions for housing and while working at the Princess Margaret Hospital. This may include shared tents and limited access to hygiene facilities, electricity, and telecommunications. Further updates will be made as events warrant.

Employees and Staff

If you are an employee of the Massachusetts General Hospital interested in volunteering for domestic or international deployments to support medical operations after disasters, please [submit a profile](#) to our disaster response database.

¹ <https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/OCHA-Dominica-Sitrep%201%20-%20Hurricane%20Maria-ENG-20170925.pdf> (Accessed 02 October 2017)

² <http://globalhealth.massgeneral.org/resources/safety-security/> (Accessed 02 October 2017)



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