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## Mass General Supports Harvey Recovery Effort

#### Massachusetts General Hospital deploys team of clinicians and pharmacists for Houston relief

Boston – In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) Office of Global Disaster Response today deployed an expert team of nurse practitioners and pharmacists to support relief and recovery efforts in Houston. Six clinicians and pharmacists from MGH will provide supplemental specialist staffing to a community clinic serving the poor and uninsured, and provide much-needed relief to the existing staff.

"We are just a small part of a huge need but as nurse practitioners and pharmacists we have the skill sets to respond effectively," said Lindsey Martin, NP, team leader for the Mass General response. "It wouldn't be possible for us to fulfill our commitment to help without the support from our unit directors, hospital leadership, and especially our colleagues at Mass General stepping up to fill our shifts."

The team will partner with Project HOPE and Americares to support the San Jose Clinic, a safety-net clinic providing healthcare services to those who struggle the most with accessing care.

"When in distress, every man becomes our neighbor' is a founding principle of Mass General," said Louise Ivers, MD, MPH, executive director of the MGH Center for Global Health. "We are glad to support our healthcare colleagues in Texas and lend our expert staff to alleviate the suffering of those who have been harmed by the devastating impact of the hurricane."

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### **Global Disaster Response at Mass General**

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# **Massachusetts General Hospital**

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