

It Takes a Village... Contending With Drug Shortages During Disasters

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In this manuscript, the authors describe methods for health systems to mitigate common drug shortages as well as strategies for medication substitution in times of shortage.



Drug shortages have become more common in recent years.



These regular shortages are the result of easily disrupted supply chains and limited incentives to manufacture older drugs.



In times of pandemics, shortages may be exacerbated by increased demand, including stockpiling and hoarding.



Common ICU drugs, such as sedatives and neuromuscular blockade agents, are especially susceptible to such challenges.