Morbidity and Mortality in The Loma Prieta Earthquake Earthquake: A Review of Recent Findings

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Abstract

In 1989, the First International Workshop on Earthquake Injury Epidemiology for Mitigation and Response was held at The Johns Hopkins University under the sponsorship of the National Science Foundation and the National Center for Earthquake Engineering Research. In this workshop, researchers representing a broad range of disciplines gathered to assess the state of the art in earthquake injury epidemiology, and to plot a course for future quantitative research in this important but often neglected area. Since that workshop, a number of significant

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Kirsten Waller Alex Kelter Roger Trent State of California Department of Health Services earthquakes have occurred in the U.S. and elsewhere and have provided the opportunity for detailed follow-up on casualty. In this paper, a brief review of the findings to date of a detailed case-control study of morbidity and mortality during the Loma Prieta earthquake, partially funded by NCEER, will be given. As the full study is nearing completion at time of writing, only preliminary data are available, but more comprehensive results will be available within the next 12 month period.