Call for Papers: Humanitarian Crises and Their Impact on Care Delivery

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The Advances editors would like to announce that we will have a special edition looking at the impact of humanitarian crises on care delivery. In the last several years, the profession of radiation oncology has seen a series of disruptions that have led to widespread challenges in ensuring our patients receive prompt and uninterrupted radiation therapy. From COVID-19 to cybersecurity attacks to the impact of war in Ukraine and Syria on cancer care, these interruptions in consistent, daily treatment place our patient populations at risk for cancer progression.

We feel that this subject is very timely and of critical importance for our specialty, and are calling for original scientific studies, review articles, and opinion pieces on its many aspects. We have a call for papers that includes the following categories:

- Impact of the War on Ukraine on the delivery of cancer care during a time of conflict and resource constraints
- Efforts made to care for refugee populations from Ukraine, Syria, and elsewhere including papers containing descriptions of the impact on clinical operations from the rapid intake of new patients, efforts to deliver remote electronic support and secure medical records, social and language support for patients and families during care, and related issues.
- Impact and response of providers to natural disasters such as hurricanes, flooding, and wildfires and the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.
- Other unplanned or unprecedented disruptions to care such as natural events or intentional actions leading to failure of civic infrastructure.

Manuscripts are encouraged by July 28, 2023. To submit, please send papers through the journal’s submission system and select “Humanitarian Crises” as the article type. Thanks in advance to all who submit manuscripts, and we are looking forward to an excellent special edition of the journal. Please reach out to the editorial office with any questions at advances@astro.org