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Weekly Situational Awareness Brief

Awareness Topics

These maps show exactly where the West might burn this summer

“Amid drought and heat waves, April’s national wildfire forecast shows that nearly the entire Western U.S. will face an above-normal risk of wildfires at some point in the next four months.”

Your patient’s summer sanctuary may be a hidden Parkinson’s hotspot

“A case-control study in JAMA Network Open has revealed a striking association: Living within 1 to 3 miles of a golf course may more than double your odds of developing Parkinson’s disease.”

President Trump Releases FY27 Budget Proposal: April 2026

“The documents reflect the Administration’s planned HHS reorganization, proposed funding levels, and various policy and legislative proposals.”

Contract Year 2027 Medicare Advantage and Part D Final Rule

“Contract Year 2027 Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage Program, Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program, and Medicare Cost Plan Program (CMS-4208-F3/CMS-4212-F).”

Radiological Emergency Preparedness for All-Hazards and Transportation Incidents

“The current radiological preparedness landscape is largely defined by the “fixed-facility silo” – an administrative and operational framework that ties funding, equipment, and expertise exclusively to commercial nuclear power plants (NPPs). This silo creates a geographic and procedural boundary, often limiting specialized capabilities to a 10-mile plume exposure pathway or a 50-mile ingestion exposure pathway. While this focused approach ensures high proficiency for site-specific incidents, it inadvertently isolates critical REP assets from the broader emergency management community.”

Why Candy Can Become Harder to Swallow with Age

“The act of swallowing changes as people age and can make holiday treats like Easter candy difficult for older adults to manage safely. As people age, some parts of this process can change. Chewing muscles may lose a bit of strength. Saliva production can decrease, which makes dry or sticky foods harder to manage. Taste can also shift over time, and the timing of swallowing movements may become slightly slower.”

4 Joint Commission moves

“So far in 2026, The Joint Commission — the oldest and world’s largest standard-setting and accrediting body in healthcare — has launched two outcomes-driven certifications and condensed serious safety event lists.”

The overlooked health crisis happening in dementia care: 'Caregiving is literally destroying brains'

“Caregiving is literally destroying brains,” said family medicine physician Neil K. Shah, MD, in an Instagram Reel. “We’ve built a country where the default plan for someone with dementia is to hand them off to their spouse and walk away. No caregiver training, no respite care, no plan at all. Just a person in a house, watching the person they married slowly disappear, and then they disappear themselves.”

Upcoming MESH Educational Offerings

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It doesn’t take a hurricane to disrupt a life. When resources are already limited, even small disruptions can have big consequences. This course helps you understand where real needs begin—with everyday vulnerabilities—and how to meet them through simple, powerful steps. **This isn’t just disaster training. It’s people training—**

practical, human-centered, & real.

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