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Technical information and articles concerning communicable diseases are plentiful and accessible to most senior public health professionals. However, scientific publications concerning epidemiologic surveillance and the organization of surveillance systems are surprisingly scarce and these usually deal with only a single disease. Reports about the epidemiologic surveillance of communicable diseases after disaster have been infrequent. Although the collective experience of individual epidemiologists with the organization of surveillance activities in disaster situations during the past fifteen years has grown, it is not readily available in scientific literature.

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Additional publications of interest are cited in Annex 6.

*Copies available from the author. **In the XIII Edition the risk of individual communicable diseases in disaster situations is discussed. This is a new feature not contained in earlier English editions and translations into French, Portuguese and Spanish.
