

Table 3 Health-care providers' (n = 207) perceptions of their knowledge about disaster management

Items	Mean (SD) score
I participate in disaster drills or exercises at my workplace (clinic, hospital, etc.) on a regular basis	4.20 (1.59)
I have participated in emergency plan drafting and emergency planning for disaster situations in my community	3.87 (1.58)
I know who to contact (chain of command) in disaster situations in my community	4.48 (1.39)
I participate in one of the following educational activities on a regular basis: continuing education classes, seminars or conferences dealing with disaster preparedness	3.68 (1.67)
I read journal articles related to disaster preparedness	4.04 (1.43)
I am aware of classes about disaster preparedness and management that are offered, for example at my workplace, the university or community	4.02 (1.51)
I would be interested in educational classes on disaster preparedness that relate specifically to my community situation	4.24 (1.39)
I find that the research literature on disaster preparedness and management is easily accessible	2.99 (1.49)
I find that the research literature on disaster preparedness is understandable	3.34 (1.44)
Finding relevant information about disaster preparedness related to my community needs is an obstacle to my level of preparedness	3.65 (1.38)
I know where to find relevant research or information related to disaster preparedness and management to fill in gaps in my knowledge	3.56 (1.49)
I have a list of contacts in the medical or health community in which I practice I know referral contacts in case of a disaster situation (for example, health department)	4.13 (1.50)
In case of a disaster situation I think that there is sufficient support from local officials on the county, region or government level	3.65 (1.56)

SD = standard deviation.