



An Overview of ASPR: Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response

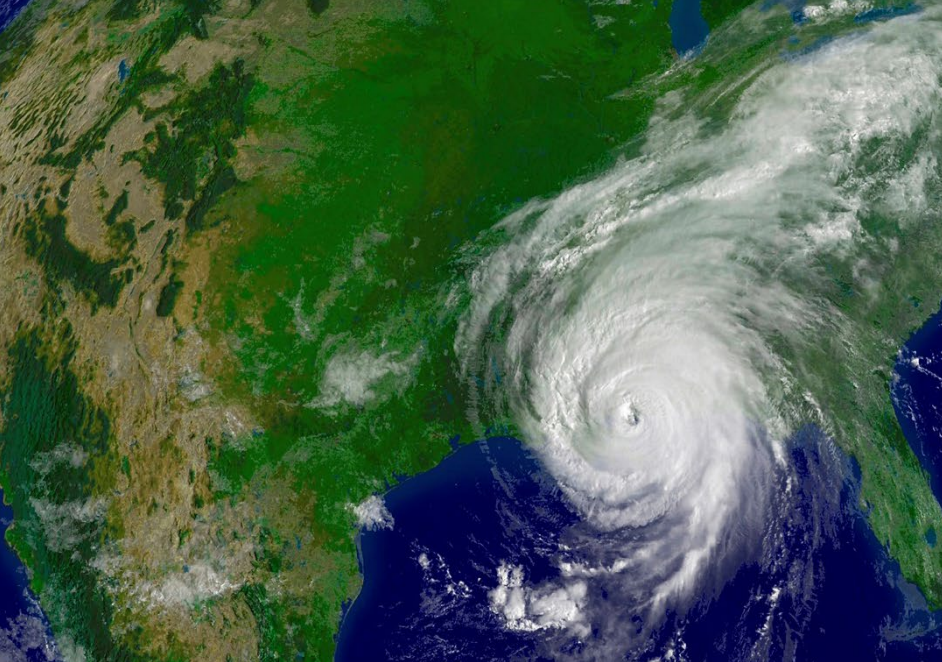
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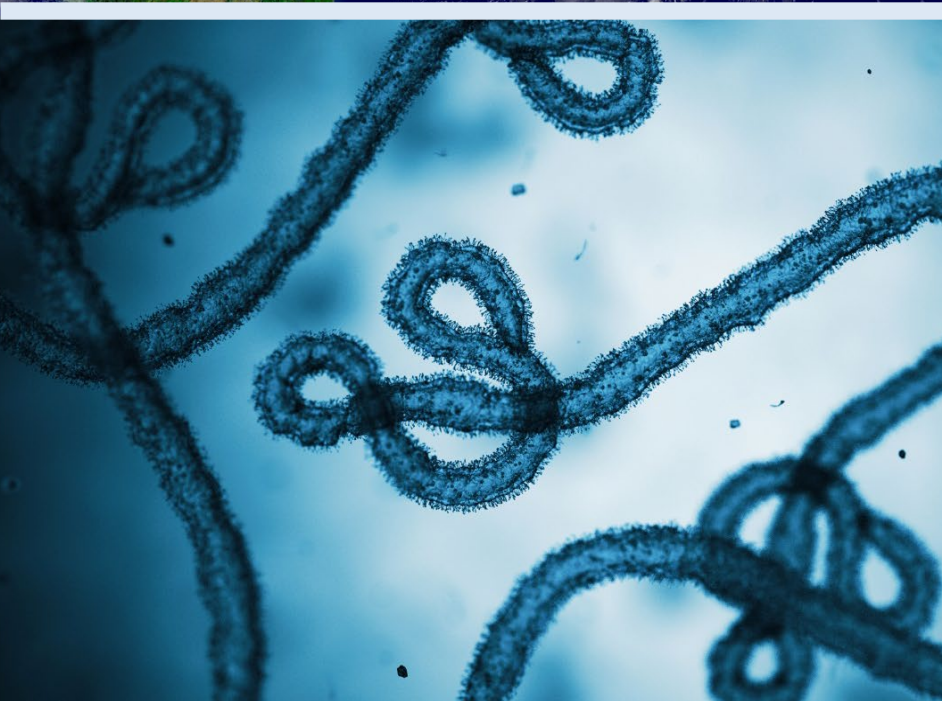
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State of Missouri Fall Preparedness Summit

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ASPR's Mission:
To strengthen
national security by
assisting the
country in
preparing for,
responding to,
and **recovering**
from public health
emergencies and
disasters.

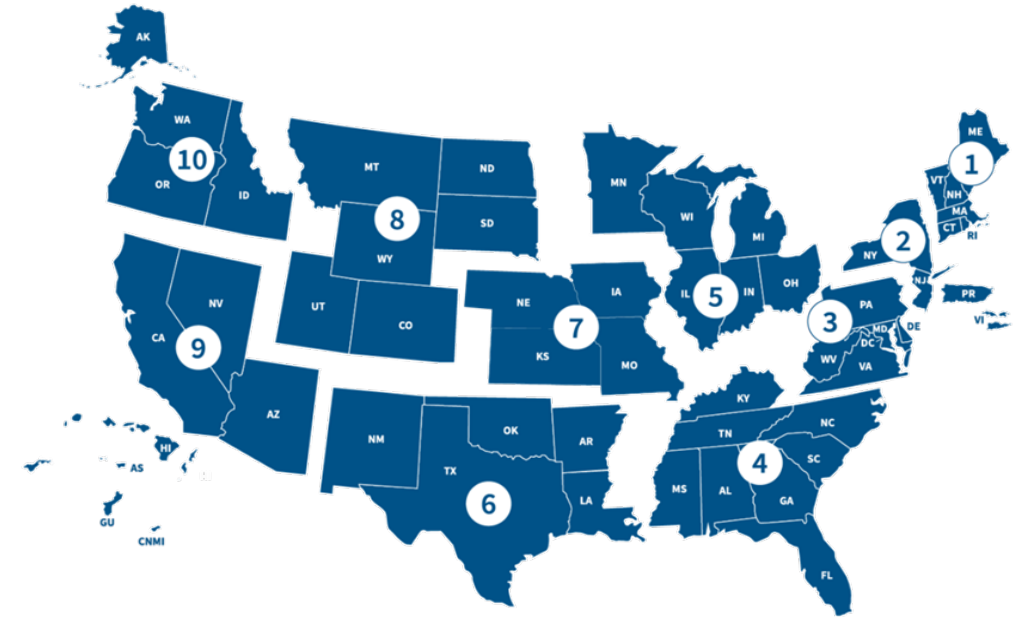


ASPR Regional Operations

Regional staff are located in each of the 10 FEMA regions, plus National Capital Region.

- Regional Administrator
- Regional Emergency Coordinators

Responsible for building, maintaining, and leveraging a network of partners to support preparedness and response efforts for public health and medical emergencies.



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Regional Response

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Mission:

Build, maintain, and leverage a coordinated network of partners and stakeholders that facilitates ASPR's programmatic and operational objectives at the regional level to support preparedness and response efforts for disasters and public health emergencies.

Collaboration:

With other ASPR and HHS programs to identify programmatic and operational objectives to coordinate field outreach and implementation.

Region VII Team



Regional Team

- CAPT Michael Garner – Regional Administrator (RA)
- CAPT Alexis Beyer – Deputy RA / Regional Emergency Coordinator (IA)
- Dan Houlahan – Regional Emergency Coordinator (KS)
- CDR Dwight Ferguson – Regional Emergency Coordinator (NE, KS)
- LCDR Catherine Roth – Regional Emergency Coordinator (IA, MO)
- Patrick Lindner – Regional Emergency Coordinator (MO, NE)

ASPR Components

- Scott Lee – Federal Health Coordinating Official (FHCO)
- Angela Krutsinger – Office of Healthcare Readiness (OHCR) Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) – Field Project Officer (FPO)

HHS Components

- Laird Ruth – Health Department Liaison Officer (CDC)

ASPR Key Priorities



Health Care Resilience Programs



Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Cooperative Agreement

Expanding health care coalitions to address gaps in patient care.



National Special Pathogen System (NSPS)

Improving response to dangerous pathogens.

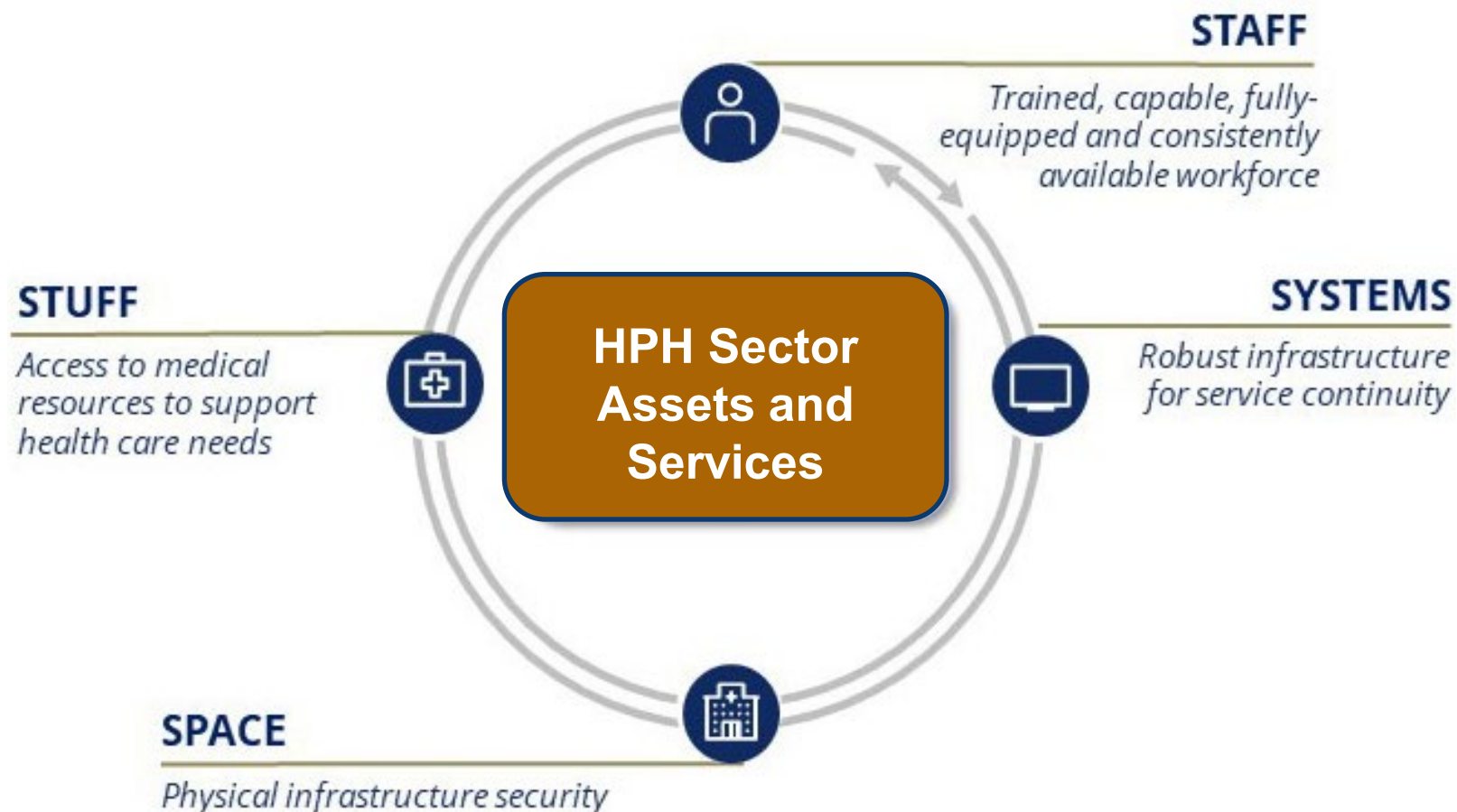


Regional Disaster Health Response System (RDHRS) Cooperative Agreement

Building regional partnerships to support a comprehensive response.

Critical Infrastructure Protection

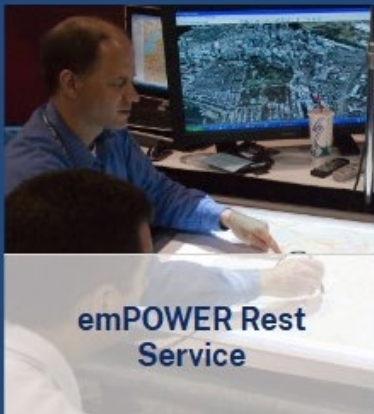
ASPR CIP leads the nation's effort to protect essential health care and public health (HPH) assets and services from all hazards in partnership with government and private sector partners.



The HPH Sector is one of the 16 critical infrastructure sectors directed by [Presidential Policy Directive 21](#) and the [National Defense Authorization Act of 2021](#) to self-organize, in partnership with the government, around the mission to protect essential healthcare and public health assets and services from existential threats.

emPOWER Program

- Provides federal data, mapping, and artificial intelligence tools, as well as training and resources, to help communities **protect the health of at-risk Medicare beneficiaries.**
- Targets **more than 4.6 million** individuals who rely on electricity-dependent durable medical and assistive equipment and devices, and/or certain essential health care services.



ASPR's **T**echnical **R**esources, **A**ssistance **C**enter, and **I**nformation **E**xchange



- Self-service collection of audience-tailored materials
- Subject-specific, SME-reviewed "Topic Collections"
- Unpublished and SME peer-reviewed materials highlighting real-life tools and experiences



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- Personalized support and responses to requests for information and technical assistance
- Accessible by toll-free number (1844-5-TRACIE), email (askasprtracie@hhs.gov), or web form ([ASPRtracie.hhs.gov](https://asprtracie.hhs.gov))



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- Area for password-protected discussion among vetted users in near real-time
- Ability to support chats and the peer-to-peer exchange of user-developed templates, plans, and other materials



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New Initiatives Underway to Strengthen State/Local Resilience

Supply Chain Readiness

Improve SLTT supply chain readiness and visibility to ensure health systems can respond to disruptions.



Jurisdictional Stockpiling

Support SLTT capacity and capability to receive, distribute, dispense, and administer MCMs and manage medical materiel.



Emergency Support Function #8

Public Health & Medical Services

Coordinates assistance in response to an actual or potential public health and medical disaster or incident.

Functions include but are not limited to:

- Public health
- Medical surge support, including patient movement
- Behavioral health services
- Mass fatality management



National Response Framework

Fourth Edition
October 28, 2019



Homeland
Security



Executing Federal Response – HHS Secretary's Operation Center



National Disaster Medical System

A FEDERAL SECTOR PARTNERSHIP



Mission is two-fold:

Supplement state and local medical/fatality management (FM) resources during disasters or major emergencies

Provide backup medical/FM support to the military/VA medical care systems during an overseas conventional conflict

FATALITY MANAGEMENT

- Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Teams
- Subject Matter Expertise – Fatality Management Assessment

PATIENT CARE

- NDMS Medical Teams
- Facilitated Support through Industry (Contract)
- Specialty Care Capabilities

PATIENT MOVEMENT

- NDMS Partnership
 - DoD
 - VA
 - DHS/FEMA-National EMS Contract

DEFINITIVE CARE

- ~1,800 participating civilian health care facilities through a Memorandum of Agreement
- Coordinated across 65 DoD (14) and VA (51) Federal Coordinating Centers (FCC)
- Reimbursed up to 125% of their Medicare rate (payer of last resort)

NDMS Medical Teams

Approximately 3,000 professionals serve on the National Disaster Medical System.

- Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMAT)
- Trauma Critical Care Teams (TCCT)
- National Veterinary Response Team (NVRT)
- Disaster Mortuary Response Operations Teams (DMORT)
- Victim Information Center Team (VIC)



Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

Approximately 300,000 volunteers serve in roughly 800 community-based units.

- MRC network created after 9/11 to bolster local public health and emergency preparedness and response.
- Volunteers include medical and public health professionals, as well as community members without healthcare backgrounds.

**MRC units are not a federal asset.*



Strategic National Stockpile

- The SNS procures, maintains, and rapidly deploys lifesaving medicines, supplies and equipment to states, tribal nations, territories and large metropolitan areas during public health emergencies.
- The SNS assists stakeholders with medical countermeasure logistics planning and coordinates access to SNS training and exercise support to enhance state, local, tribal, and territorial readiness.
- ASPR's robust medical logistics capability can move medical countermeasures to those who need them within hours.



New Initiatives Underway to Execute Rapid Federal Response



Securing Medical Supply Chain — Domestic Manufacturing of Medical Products

Building a resilient domestic public health supply chain and sustaining long-term U.S. manufacturing capabilities by investing in medical product industrial base expansion capacities for:

- Personal protective equipment capacity and raw materials
- Therapeutic supplies and materials
- Vaccine supplies and materials
- Testing capacity and raw materials



New Initiatives Underway that Target Medical Supply Chain

Strategic API Reserve

Establish a Strategic API Reserve with a six-month supply of APIs needed for the initial list of drugs most critical to health security.



DSMRN Pilot

Implement the Digital Stockpile and Manufacturing Response Network pilot program to broaden collaborations with manufacturing and health care industries.



Public Health and Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise (PHEMCE)

PHEMCE partners — ASPR, CDC, NIH, FDA, DoD, DHS, USDA, VA, and ODNI — facilitate collaborations and inform federal decisions regarding medical countermeasure preparedness.

Goals



Identify Needs to Protect Americans

The PHEMCE will identify national health security needs, gaps in MCM preparedness and response, and challenges to addressing these needs.



Develop Strategies to Address Gaps

The PHEMCE will optimize the USG's MCM portfolio by contemplating MCM logistics, deployment, distribution, dispensing, and utilization.



Make Recommendations to the Secretary

The PHEMCE will provide the ASPR with the necessary input they need to make recommendations to the Secretary and inform the Strategic National Stockpile

Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority



BARDA develops and makes available medical countermeasures (MCMs) by forming unique public-private partnerships to drive innovation off the bench to the patient to save lives.



Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Threats



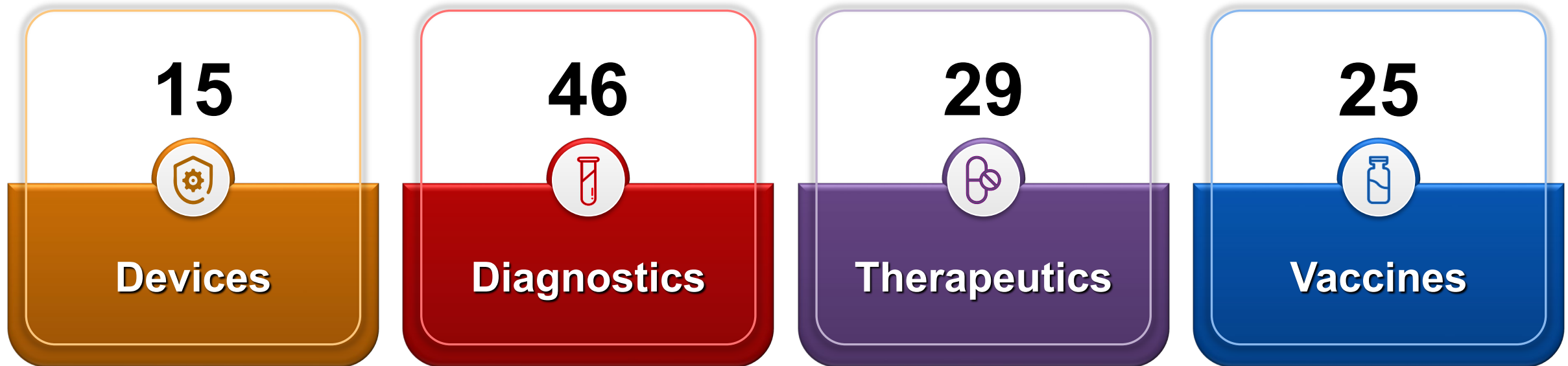
Pandemic Influenza



Emerging Infectious Diseases

Research, Development, and Procurement of Life-saving Medical Products

BARDA supports a diverse portfolio of medical countermeasures and these products have received a total of 115 FDA approvals, licensures, or clearances.



AND WE HAVE MORE IN THE PIPELINE

These products cut across our threat space and have been supported with annual and supplemental appropriations. Explore more about BARDA's expanding medical countermeasure portfolio by visiting our [website](#).

New Initiatives Underway that Target Emerging Threats





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