

Table 4 Health-care providers' (n = 207) perceptions of their skills in disaster management

Items	Mean (SD) score
I consider myself prepared for the management of disasters	3.17 (1.55)
I participate/have participated in creating new guidelines, emergency plans, or lobbying for improvements on the local or national level	2.80 (1.59)
I would be considered a key leadership figure in my community in a disaster situation	3.43 (1.58)
I am aware of what the potential risks in my community are (e.g. earthquake, floods, terror, etc.)	3.84 (1.50)
In case of a bioterrorism/ biological or chemical attacks, I know how to use personal protective equipment	3.09 (1.61)
In case of a bioterrorism/biological or chemical attacks I know how to execute decontamination procedures	2.91 (1.50)
In a case of bioterrorism/biological or chemical attacks I know how to perform isolation procedures so that I minimize the risks of community exposure	3.00 (1.55)
I am familiar with the local emergency response system for disasters	2.97 (1.49)
I am familiar with accepted triage principles used in disaster situations	3.39 (1.57)
I have personal/family emergency plans in place for disaster situations	3.33 (1.55)
I have an agreement with loved ones and family members on how to execute our personal/family emergency plans	3.33 (1.54)

SD = standard deviation.