

San Luis Obispo County
Medical Reserve Corps
ORIENTATION



TRAINING OBJECTIVES

- Define Public Health Emergency
- Define MRC Roles and Responsibilities
- Define Disaster Service Worker Volunteers
- Explain Emergency Management Systems



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PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

NATURAL DISASTERS

MANMADE DISASTERS



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PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

NATURAL DISASTERS

- **WEATHER RELATED**

- **FLOODS**
- **TORNADOES**
- **WILDFIRES**
- **ETC.**

- **DISEASE OUTBREAKS**

- **COVID-19**
- **PANDEMIC INFLUENZA**
- **SARS**
- **ETC.**



PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

NATURAL DISASTERS

MANMADE DISASTERS



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PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

MANMADE DISASTERS

- **WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION**

- **CHEMICAL**
- **BIOLOGICAL**
- **RADIOLOGICAL**
- **NUCLEAR**
- **EXPLOSIVES**

- **TECHNOLOGICAL**

- **TRANSPORTATION ACCIDENTS**
- **CHEMICAL SPILLS**
- **ELECTRICAL GRID FAILURE**
- **ETC.**



PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IMPACTS

- Large numbers of ill and deceased
- Spread of disease
- Water quality
- Food quality
- Access to healthcare
- Behavioral health issues
- Hazardous material exposure
- And even more



OUR MISSION

To empower and organize community volunteers to support local response efforts during a public health emergency through education, training, and exercising.



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MRC VOLUNTEERS ARE ESSENTIAL

- During an emergency, local emergency service agencies, hospitals, and other healthcare organizations may not have the resources to care for an increased number of patients and may need to rely on healthcare volunteers for assistance.
- MRC provides a group of organized and trained volunteers to fill gaps.



DISASTER SERVICE WORKER VOLUNTEERS (DSWV)

- MRC volunteers are sworn DSWV
- The California DSWV Program was created in order to provide workers' compensation and liability benefits to sworn volunteers during participation in disaster-related activities.
 - Good Samaritan Laws in all states and US Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. § 14501 - § 14505)
 - California has stronger protection for volunteers in the Disaster Service Worker Program (Emergency Services Act, CA Gov Code § 8657). Provides a limited immunity from liability for volunteers who are registered as DSWV while providing care during a disaster. It also provides workers compensation.
 - CA Gov Code §8623 and CA Gov Code § 8659 provide protection.



EFFECTIVE MRC VOLUNTEERS

Ensure

Ensure competency in “all-hazards” basic emergency preparedness

Know

Know how the system works and where they fit in

Prepare

Prepare themselves and their families for emergencies



MRC PROCEDURES & PERSONAL LIMITS

You must only perform the role that you are assigned

Volunteers will always receive training in their role

Sign in when you begin a shift, sign out at the end

“Freelancing” is not helpful to the MRC or anyone else

You must know your limits in regards to your skills, knowledge, and abilities as they pertain to MRC roles.



MRC VOLUNTEER ROLES

Pharmaceutical
Distribution

Immunization /
Mass
Prophylaxis

EMS & Mass
Casualties

Mass Fatality
Management

Warehouse
operations

General staff

Operations

Planning

Operations

Logistics



STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE PLAN

- Activate and staff Receipt, Stage and Store Site
- Activate First Responder Point of Distribution (FRPOD) sites
 - Grover Beach Fire Station
 - San Luis Fire Station #1
 - Morro Bay Fire Station
 - Paso Robles Fire Station #1
- Activate and staff General Population POD sites
 - Multiple locations throughout county



PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PLAN

- Develop Case Definition
- Provide Disease Surveillance
- Activate Surge Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)
- Activate Isolation and Quarantine SOP
- Activate Triage SOP
- Provide Risk Communication
- Activate FRPOD and PPOD



YOU AND YOUR FAMILY COME FIRST

- Develop a personal / family emergency preparedness plan and an emergency kit to ensure that your family will be prepared in the event of an emergency.



FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

Escape routes out of your home and away from your home with predetermined meeting points.

Family communications

Utility shutoff and safety

Caring for animals

Learn safety skills: First Aid and CPR

Location of your disaster supply kit



FAMILY EMERGENCY KIT

- Three-day supply of nonperishable food.
- Three-day supply of water: one gallon of water per person, per day.
- Pet food, water and medicines.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First aid kit.
- Sanitation and hygiene items (moist towelettes and toilet paper).
- Matches and waterproof container.
- Extra clothing.
- Photocopies of credit, identification cards, insurance paperwork and other important documents.
- Cash and coins.
- Special needs items; prescription medications, eye glasses, contact lens, hearing aid batteries.
- Other items to meet your unique family needs



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BASICS

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

- All are integrated and share:
 - Flexibility
 - Tailored
 - Jurisdiction
 - Presenting Scenario
 - Mission (i.e. mass vaccination, fire suppression, hazardous material spill)
 - Expand and contract based on the “span of control”
 - Structure
 - Terminology



NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)



Nationally Approved Response Management Structure



Developed in response to 9/11



Utilizes SEMS/ICS Structure as foundation



Requires all Federal departments and agencies to adopt the NIMS.



Requires all state and local agencies to utilize NIMS.

Requires all DSW to complete IS 100 and 700 training.

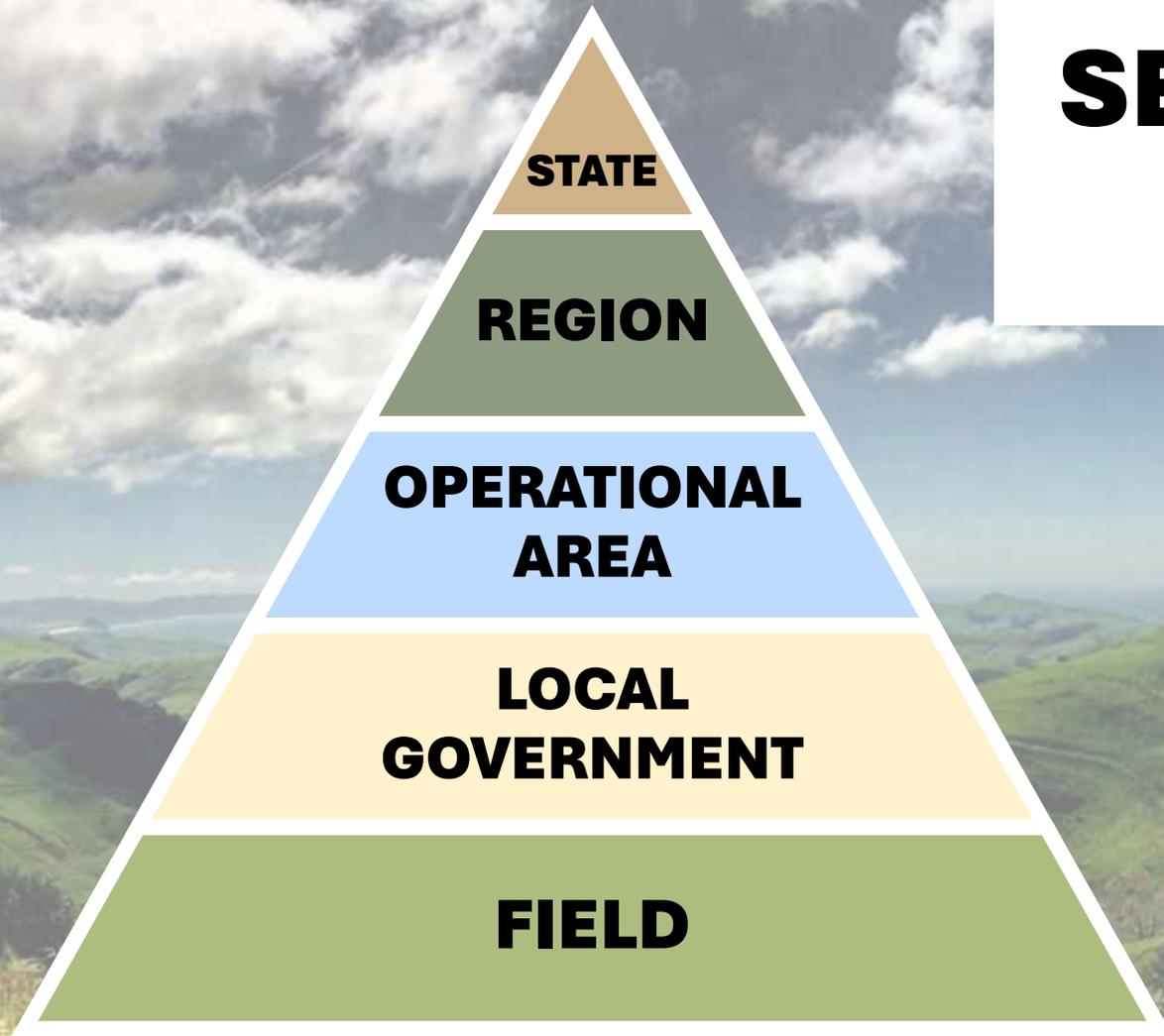


STANDARDIZED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (SEMS)

- California's Emergency Response System
- Developed in 1993 to improve:
 - Flow of information and resources
 - Coordination of state and local emergency response efforts
 - Mobilization, deployment and resource tracking



SEMS FIVE LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT



SEMS: FIELD LEVEL

- “Where the rubber meets the road.”
- Public works crews clearing roadways
- Fire engines and firefighters putting out fires
- Law enforcement officers evacuating people
- Ambulances taking people to hospitals

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SEMS: LOCAL LEVEL

- Cities and special districts
- Manage and coordinate response and recovery activities
- Jurisdictional authority of field response resources



SEMS: OPERATIONAL AREA LEVEL

- Manage and/or coordinates
 - Information
 - Resources
 - Priorities
- Coordinates and communicates with
 - Local
 - State
 - Federal

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SEMS: OPERATIONAL AREA LEVEL

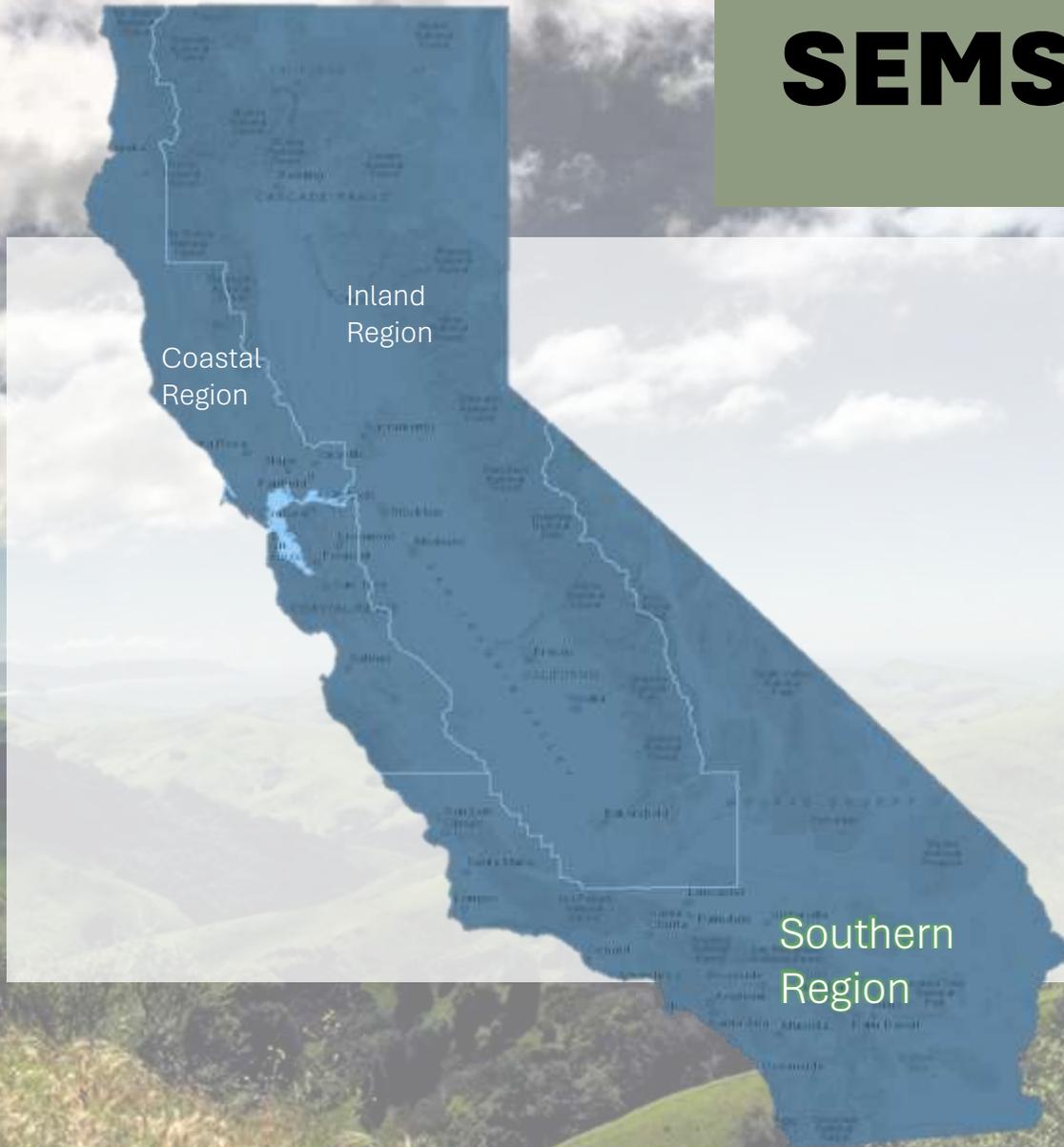
- An Operational Area is: ALL local governments within the geographical boundary (our county)
 - County Government
 - Seven Incorporated Cities
 - Over thirty special districts
- Plus we also have locally based State agencies we interact with as an “informal” part of our Op Area, such as:
 - Cal Poly
 - California Men’s Colony
 - Atascadero State Hospital

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SEMS: REGIONAL LEVEL



- OES Administrative Regions
 - Southern Region
- 6 Mutual Aid Regions
 - Region I (SLO, SB, Ventura, LA & OC)



SEMS: STATE LEVEL

- CAL OES:
 - Receive & provide notification
 - Activate REOC & SOC
 - Provide support and resources
 - Coordinate with other State & Federal Agencies
- Other State Agencies will:
 - Activate DOC
 - Provide support and resources

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INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM (ICS)

Appropriate
for all types of
situations

Management
by Objectives

Chain of
Command

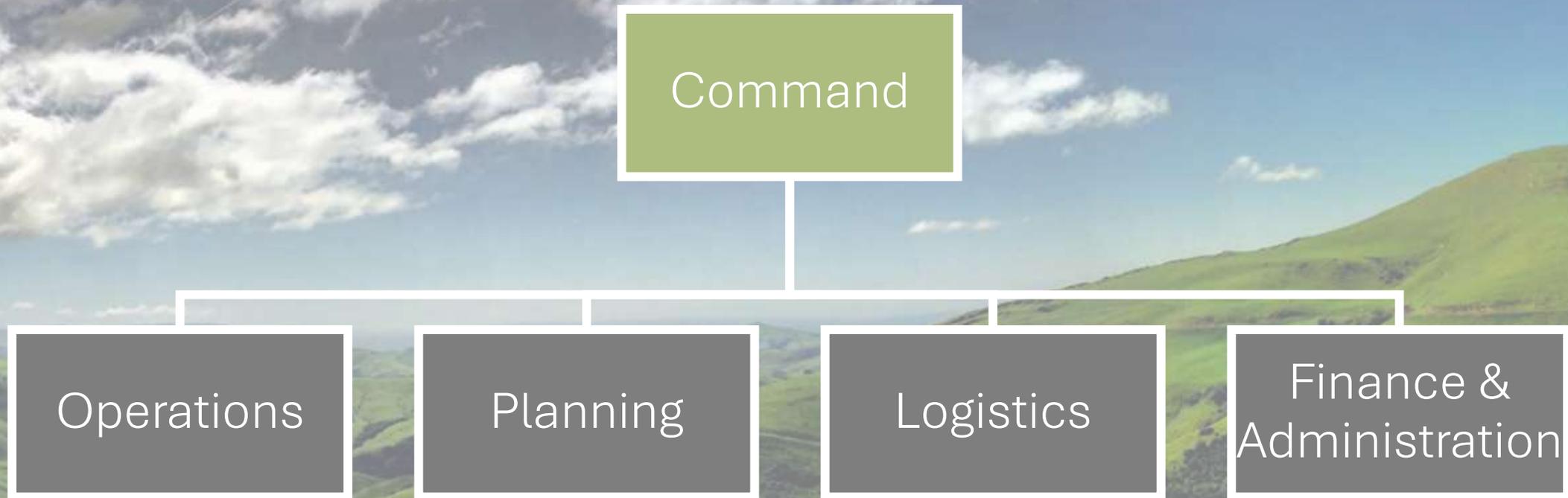
Organization
is flexible &
adaptable

Effective span
of control

Common
terminology



ICS ORGANIZATION



COUNTY HEALTH AGENCY ROLES

Coordinate Health Agency response to incident(s)

- Public Health Emergency – Primary Role
- Communicable Disease Outbreak
- Multi-Casualty Incident

Other Incidents – Support Role

- Nuclear Power Plant Incident
- Earthquake
- Flood



COUNTY HEALTH AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Activate County Health Agency Department Operations Center (CHADOC)
 - Manage Health Agency Response and Resources
 - Communicate with hospitals, EOC, Special Care Facilities, CHCC, pharmacies, etc.
 - Coordinate with EOC for additional resource needs
- Communicate with California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and CDC, as appropriate
- Activate Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and Pandemic Flu Plans as appropriate



FURTHER INFORMATION

- SLO MRC Coordinators:
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American Red Cross Disaster Health Services

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Type of disaster factors into sheltering decision

Evacuation Center

General Population
Shelter

A safe, dry place to stay

Food

Basic medical or mental health needs



Evacuation Center/General Population Shelter

- Everyone is Welcome!
- Service Animals are Welcome – Pets cannot be accommodated within the shelter
- Zero Tolerance for alcohol, illegal drugs, and weapons (including concealed weapons)
- Once evacuations lifted, there will be a 24 hour notice that the center will be closing
- If unable to return pre-disaster living situation, the client will be offered resources from various partners
- Basic medical and mental health services

Medical Shelter

- Opened by PHD-EMSA – may be a separate facility or co-located with GP shelter
- For people in need of 24/7 licensed professional care or supervision



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What kinds of clients are seen in a Red Cross shelter?

- Generally, only 5-10% of the disaster-affected population will go to a shelter
- Many will have access and functional needs (AFN)
- Family may be the caregiver for those with functional needs
- Red Cross strives to obtain resources and staff to address the needs of shelter residents, keeping important support elements together



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Role of Red Cross Disaster Health Services

- Provides health assessment and care for disaster related health needs
- Coordinates with local public health authorities and local health resources
- In rare instances, may supplement the existing community health care delivery system



Red Cross Community Nursing Health Model

- People living within the community as opposed to a facility
- 20-50% of the population has access and functional needs
- Assist shelter residents with their self-directed medical care and assist with replacement of medications or DME
- Make referrals as needed for acute care



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Resources

- Shelter Trailer
- Nursing/DHS Kit/Trunk
 - on every shelter trailer*
- Medication Duffel
 - request from Red Cross warehouse*
- Durable & consumable medical supplies
 - i.e wheelchairs, adult diapers, walkers, etc.*
- Paperwork-can be found in DHS Kit
- Supervisors
 - Shelter
 - Technical



Shelter Registration

- SCIA [Shelter Client Information App]

Used for client Intake at Shelter's front registration desk via a computer laptop or mobile web-based site

- Records client's name, names of family members, and possible health needs in addition to other info.
- *To the right is an example of one screens that is part of the intake app.*

Please ask each client the following question

Is there anything urgent that you or your family need right now, or in the next 6-8 hours? This may include medications, diapers or baby formula, health/cultural/religious dietary meals, or other support for a health, mental health, disability, or other condition.

Medication

Infant needs

Please specify

Specialty meals

Specialty medical equipment

Disability needs

Other

 If the client has identified needs make an appropriate referral and record in the shelter log.

Shelter Referral Log

- Check with the Registration desk if you are the first Health Services person arriving at shelter for any notations on the Shelter Referral Form



Shelter Referral Log

Use this log to record client needs that were identified when completing the Shelter Client Information form or other interactions with clients so Red Cross activities can provide specialized support to clients

Date: _____ Incident/DR#: _____ Shelter Name/Location: _____

Referral Timing	Client Name / Contact Info	Reason(s) for Referral	Referral To
<i>Date/Time Recorded:</i> <i>Date/Time Received:</i> <i>Name of person who received referral:</i>		<i>Do not record confidential information</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Care <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter Manager <input type="checkbox"/> SRT <input type="checkbox"/> Feeding <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)
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Triage/Prioritizing

- Immediate medical concerns identified by registration
- Clients with access and functional needs
- Clients who left medications or Durable or Consumable Medical Equipment/Supplies (DME or CMS) at home when they evacuated.

Additional shelter screening

May not occur for about 6-12 hours, but needs to be done within first 24-48 hours

- Cot-to-Cot assessment
- CMIST worksheet
- Continued daily surveillance

Cot to Cot

- Health Service personnel walks through the shelter dormitory cot to cot
- Assessing shelter residents for unreported health problems
- Monitor clients for signs and symptoms of communicable diseases
- Assess dormitory for a safe environment
- Facilitate, assist, and support clients to promote a healthy surrounding



What We See: Common Illnesses and Injuries

- Sudden onset of injuries and illnesses: wounds, respiratory problems, rashes, burns, bone, muscle and joint injuries.
- Aggravation of chronic health conditions: cardiac issues, hypertension, diabetes, allergies, gastrointestinal problems, dementia
- Stress-related symptoms: headache, gastrointestinal upset, fluctuation in normal vital signs, malaise, irritability, early labor



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Access & Functional Needs - AFN

The phrase “access and functional needs” is used to describe those who under usual circumstances are able to function on their own or with support in areas of:



- C** Communication : Hearing, vision or language barriers?
- M** Maintaining Health: Assistance with osotomy care
- I** Independence: What do they need to be independent?
a walker, wheelchair, “Medical” cot?
- S** Support Services/Self-Determination: Assistance with
cognitive issues, a less stimulating area for autism
issues?
- T** Transportation: Doctor’s appt, Dialysis?



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C-MIST Worksheet



C-MIST Worksheet

Total Number of Family Included on This Form: _____

Date:	Client/Family Name:	County/State:
Location in Shelter:		Interviewer:
<i>This document covers possible considerations for access and functional needs. It is not all-inclusive, but serves as a guideline for referral purposes.</i>		
COMMUNICATION		
NEED:	ACTION:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Access to auxiliary communication service	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide written materials in alternative format (Braille, large and high contrast print, audio recording, or readers)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide visual public announcements	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide qualified sign language or oral interpreter	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide qualified foreign language interpreter	
<input type="checkbox"/> Access to auxiliary communication device	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide access to teletypewriter [TTY, TDD, or CapTel] or cell phone with texting capabilities; pen and paper.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Replacement of auxiliary communication equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide replacement eyeglasses	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide replacement hearing aid and/or batteries	
MAINTAINING HEALTH		
NEED:	ACTION:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Special diet	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide alternative (low sugar, low sodium, pureed, gluten-free, dairy-free, peanut-free) food and beverages; _____ (diet type)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Allergies _____ (type)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical supplies and/or equipment for every day care (including medications) not related to mobility	Refer to Disaster Health Services to provide or procure one or more of the following:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Replacement medication	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wound management/dressing supplies	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes management supplies (e.g., test strips, lances, syringes)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bowel or bladder management supplies (e.g., colostomy supplies, catheters)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Oxygen supplies and/or equipment	
<i>*For replacement eyeglasses or hearing aid, see Communication</i>		
<i>*For assistive mobility equipment (e.g., wheelchair), see Independence</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Assistance with medical care normally provided in the home	Refer to Disaster Health Services to assist with one or more of the following:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Allergies (environmental or other high risk) _____ (type)	<input type="checkbox"/> Administration of medication	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Storage of medication (e.g., refrigeration)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wound management	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bowel or bladder management	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Use of medical equipment	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Universal precautions / infection prevention and control (e.g., disposal of bio-hazard materials, such as needles in sharps containers)	
<i>*For medical treatments that are not normally provided in the home (e.g., dialysis), see Transportation</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Support for pregnant women	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide support by ongoing observation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support for nursing mothers;	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide support and/or room for breastfeeding women	
<input type="checkbox"/> Infant care availability	<input type="checkbox"/> Assure diaper changing area is available	
<input type="checkbox"/> Access to a quiet area	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide access to a quiet room or space within the shelter (e.g., for elderly persons, people with psychiatric disabilities, parents with very young children, children and adults with autism)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Access to a temperature-controlled area	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide access to an air-conditioned and/or heated environment (e.g., for those who cannot regulate body temperature)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mental health care (e.g., anxiety and stress management)	<input type="checkbox"/> Refer to Disaster Mental Health Services	

INDEPENDENCE		
NEED:	ACTION:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Durable medical equipment for individuals with conditions that affect mobility	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide assistive mobility equipment (e.g., wheelchair, walker, cane, crutches)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide assistive equipment for bathing and/or toileting (e.g., raised toilet seat with grab bars, handied shower, bath bench)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide accessible cot (may be a crib, inclined head or other bed type)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Power source to charge battery-powered assistive devices	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide power source to charge battery-powered assistive devices	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bariatric accommodations	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide bariatric cot or bed	
<input type="checkbox"/> Service animal accommodations	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide area where service animal can be housed, exercised, and toileted	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide food and supplies for service animal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Infant supplies and/or equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide infant supplies (e.g., formula, baby food, diapers, crib)	
SERVICES, SUPPORT AND SELF-DETERMINATION		
NEED:	ACTION:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult personal assistance services	<input type="checkbox"/> Identify family member or friend caregiver	
<input type="checkbox"/> Child personal assistance services	<input type="checkbox"/> Assign qualified shelter volunteer to provide personal assistance services	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact local agency to provide personal assistance services	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate childcare support such as play areas, age-appropriate activities, equal access to resources.	
<i>*Not general observation and/or assistance with non-medical activities of daily living, such as grooming, eating, bathing, toileting, dressing and undressing, walking, etc.</i>		
TRANSPORTATION		
NEED:	ACTION:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation to designated facility for medical care / treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate provision of accessible shelter vehicle and driver for transportation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation for non-medical appointment	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact local transit service to provide accessible transportation	
Housing Challenges		
Pre-disaster homeless	Yes	No
Pre-Disaster Precariously housed	Yes	No
Pre-Disaster HUD housing occupant	Yes	No
		Pre-disaster Address: _____
Actions:		
<input type="checkbox"/> No needs identified		
<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Shelter Manager		
<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Disaster Mental Health Services		
<input type="checkbox"/> Agency, please provide agency name _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
Followup/Resolution date: _____		
Disaster Health Services (name/signature/date) _____		

What We Do

- Provide care for disaster-caused, related or aggravated injuries or illnesses
- Assist client with replacing immediate-need prescriptions
- Assist with obtaining essential eyeglasses, prosthetic devices, hearing aids and other equipment lost as a result of the disaster
- Help replace medical supplies and durable medical equipment for health maintenance
- Assist with payments or referrals for disaster-related medical care
- Provide referrals to other health care services (e.g., public health, mental health, clinics and community agencies)
- Assist with activities of daily living that includes hands-on care especially if caregiver is not available

What We Do, Continued

- Surveillance and disease health event reporting
- Health Education
- Provide for staff wellness
- Ensure a healthy environment
 - Promote good hygiene
 - Cleanliness of children's toys
 - Hand sanitation
 - Kitchen conditions
 - Monitor environmental safety
 - Check for site hazards
 - Safely secure medications
- County Health inspections



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Red Cross HS Paperwork

- The Client Health Record
- DHS log
- Aggregate Morbidity Report Form
- *Client Consent to Share Information*
(Form requiring a signature specific to Red Cross Health and Mental Health Services)
- CMIST Form

Client Health Record

- Confidential Health Record utilized by Health Services to document all care provided, including referrals and education
- Documentation should include a statement related to the disaster and their health-related needs [SOAP documentation encouraged - S (subjective), O (Objective), A (Assessment), and P (Plan)]
- Documentation on this record continues until health needs are met (several visits may be included)

The image shows a sample of an American Red Cross Confidential Health Record form. The form is titled "AMERICAN RED CROSS CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH RECORD" and contains various sections for patient information, medical history, and assessment. It includes checkboxes for different types of injuries, medical conditions, and symptoms. The form is organized into columns and rows, with a "PATIENT INFORMATION" section at the top, followed by "MEDICAL HISTORY", "ASSESSMENT", and "PLAN". The form is designed to be filled out by a healthcare provider to document a patient's health status and needs.

- **Information is confidential and kept by only health service**
- Client Health Records are kept at the local Red Cross office in a locked location for 15 years (remember confidentiality)

Aggregate Morbidity Form

- Records information concerning disaster-related injuries and illness for the CDC
- Data is used by CDC to make recommendations on preparedness and response
- Should reflect anything we do to assist clients

 Disaster Health Services Aggregate Morbidity Report Form*

Part I: General Information				Part II: Number of Client-Related Interactions			
1. Disaster Operation #		2. Reporting Date: ___/___/___		Tally (fill in)		Total (#)	
3. Reporting Timeframe: ___ - ___		4. County _____ State _____		7. Total Client-related Contacts:			
5. Service Type (circle): Shelter Non-Shelter		6. Worksite Name:		7b. Total of Health-related Client Visits: (fill part III)			
6. Worksite Name:							

Part III: Demographics (for Health-related Visits Only)				Access/Functional Needs: mark each individual need based on C-MST model per 24 hours			
Gender		Tally (fill in)		Tally (fill in)		Total (#)	
Male				Communication			
Female				Maintenance of Health			
Age				Independence			
≤ 2				Services and Support			
3 to 18				Transportation			
19 to 64							
≥ 65							

Part IV: Reason for Visit: for each client visit, tick ALL reason(s) for visits.							
Tally (fill in)		Total (#)		Tally (fill in)		Total (#)	
Injury				Behavioral/Mental Health			
Bite (includes ALL bites)				Agitated/disruptive/psychotic			
Burn (thermal or chemical)				Anxiety/stress/depressed mood			
Cut/laceration/puncture				Suicidal/homicidal thoughts			
Foreign body (e.g., splinter)				Substance addiction/withdrawal			
Fall/slip/trip				Other mental health			
Hit by or against object				Exacerbation of Chronic Illness			
Use of machinery/tools/equip.				Asthma			
Assault				Obstructive pulmonary disease			
Carbon Monoxide (CO) exposure				Cardiovascular (HTN, CHF, CHD)			
Poisoning, non-CO				Chronic muscle or joint pain			
Other injury				Diabetes			
Illness/Symptoms				Neurological (seizure, stroke, dementia)			
Fever (>100.4°F or 38°C)				Previous mental health diagnosis			
Conjunctivitis/eye irritation				Other chronic illness			
Dehydration				Health Care Maintenance			
Heat stress/heat exhaustion				Blood pressure check			
Hypothermia/cold-environment				Blood sugar check			
Oral health				Pregnancy/post-partum care			
Pain: chest, angina, cardiac arrest				Dressing change/wound care			
Pain: muscle or joint pain				Immunization/vaccination			
Pain: head, ears, eyes, nose, throat				Medical refill (please mark one tick for each med refill)			
Pain: other, not specified above				Other health maintenance			
Gastrointestinal (GI): diarrhea							
GI: nausea/vomiting				Part V: Disposition			
GI: other (constipation, GERD)				Tally (fill in)		Total (#)	
Genitourinary (GU)				Provided Red Cross care			
Skin (includes ALL skin conditions)				Referred to...			
Allergic reaction				Hospital			
Respiratory (include ALL resp.)				Physician/dentist/clinic			
Influenza-like-illness (ILI)				Pharmacist			
Neurological, new onset				Other (e.g., DMH)			
Other illness/symptoms				Refused Red Cross care			

*Complete one form per service location per 24 hours. Submit by 4pm local time.

Print name: _____ Contact information: _____ Aggregate Morbidity Report Form 2077C (rev. 2/13)



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Medications in the Shelter

- Encourage clients to safely and securely store their medications. Assist shelter residents with this process, if necessary
- Nurses do not dispense medications, they make them available to the shelter residents (this includes OTC meds)
- Nurses assist shelter residents in their self directed medical care



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Additional situations

➤ Working with Partners

Other Red Cross groups

Other County Agencies

Community Resources

➤ Unaccompanied minors

➤ Co-location of medical facilities/PHD shelters

Disaster Mental Health

The direct and indirect effects of a disaster can be traumatic for people – including clients and Red Cross volunteers.

Disaster Mental Health volunteers work with both groups offering emotional support and assessment and making referrals as needed.

THE CLIENT

Be aware of how the Client is responding to the situation. There may be pre-existing problems that become exacerbated by the disaster.

THE WORKER

Be aware of your own needs and those of fellow team members.



Service Animals Are Welcome in Shelters

- Are individually trained to provide assistance to a person with a disability
- Shelter staff may ask only two questions to determine if an animal is a service animal:
 - (1) “Is this a service animal required because of a disability?”
 - (2) “What work or tasks has the animal been trained to perform to help with your condition?”



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Questions??



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Thank you!

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Soft Tissue Injury,
Fracture
Management, &
Bleeding Control

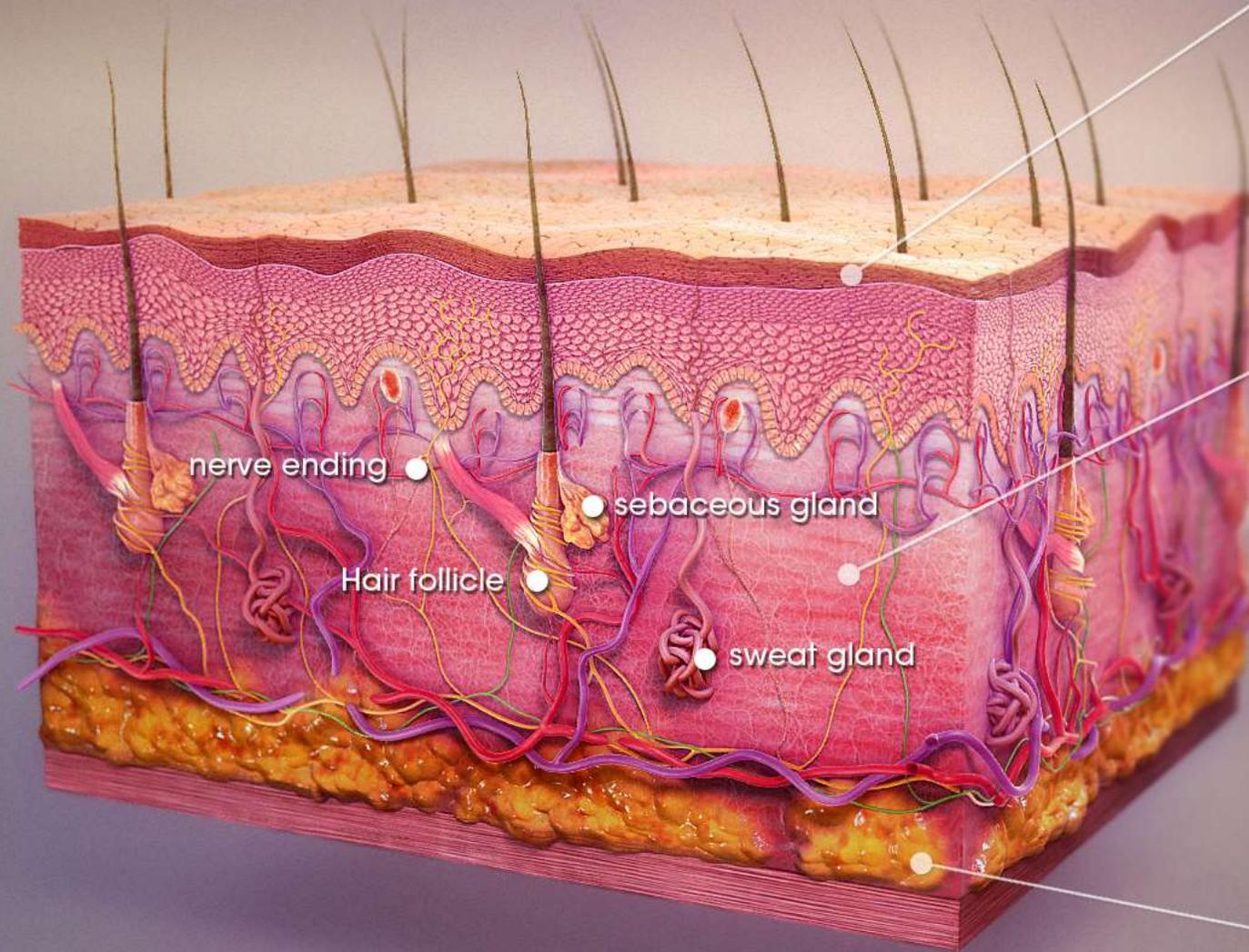
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SOFT TISSUE INJURIES



Skin



Epidermis

- relatively waterproof
- prevents most bacteria, viruses, and other foreign substances from entering the body
- produces the pigment melanin that gives human skin, hair, and eyes their color

Dermis

- **nerve endings:** sense pain, touch, pressure, and temperature
- **sweat glands:** produce sweat in response to heat and stress
- **sebaceous glands:** secrete sebum into hair follicles. Sebum is an oil, that keeps the skin moist and soft
- **hair follicles:** produce various types of hair found throughout the body

Fat Layer

helps insulate the body from heat and cold, provides protective padding, and serves as an energy storage area.

Three Types of Soft-Tissue Injuries

Closed injuries

- Damage is beneath the skin
- Surface is intact

Open injuries

- Breaks the skin's surface
- Exposes deeper tissues to contamination

Burns

- Covered in next lecture



Characteristics of Closed Injuries

- History of blunt trauma
- Pain at the site of injury
- Swelling
- Discoloration

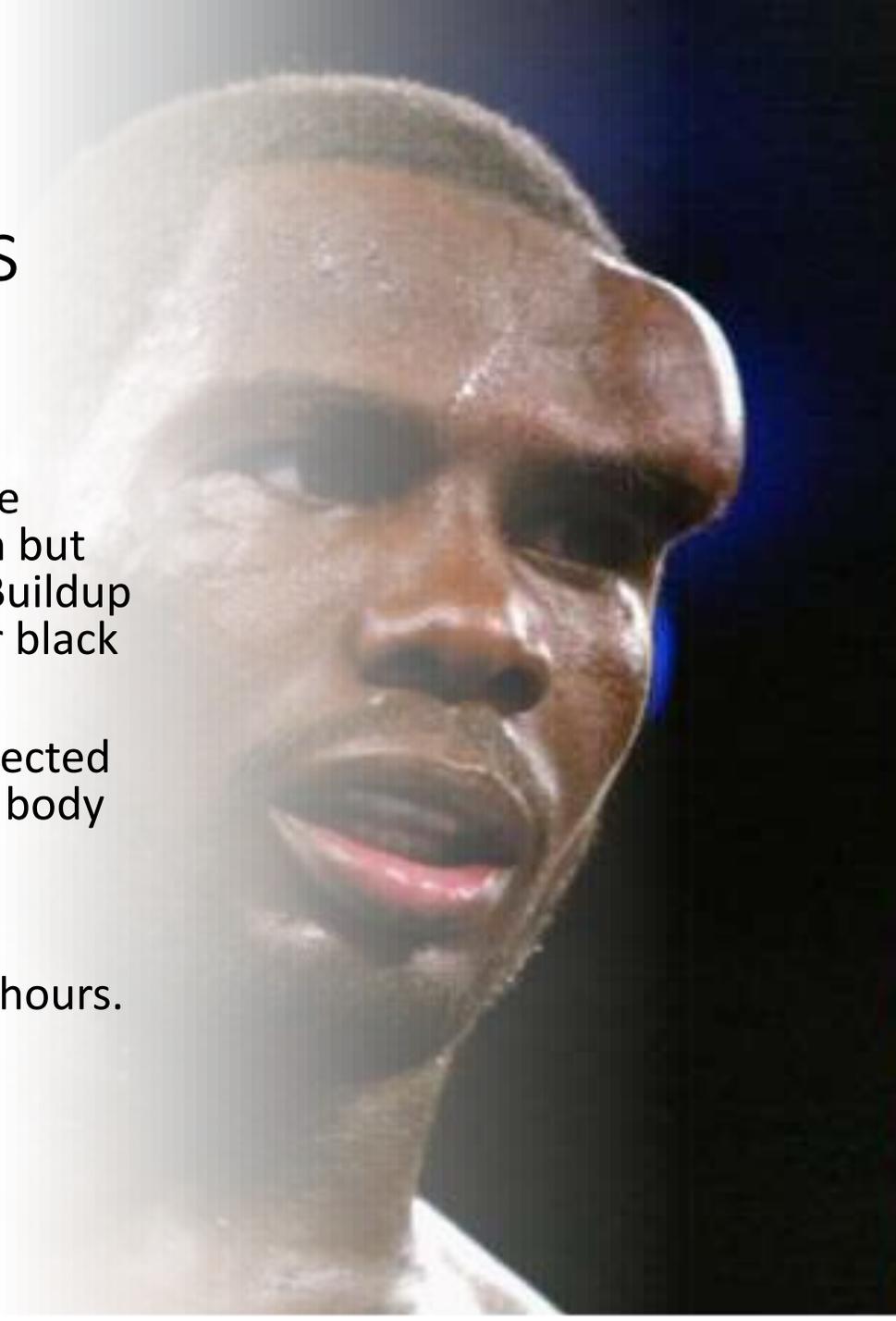


Closed Injuries

- **A contusion** (bruise) cause bleeding beneath the skin but does not break the skin. Buildup of blood produces blue or black ecchymosis.
- **A hematoma** is blood collected within damaged tissue or body cavity.

Treatment:

Apply ice for the first 48-72 hours.
Apply on and off 20-minute increments.

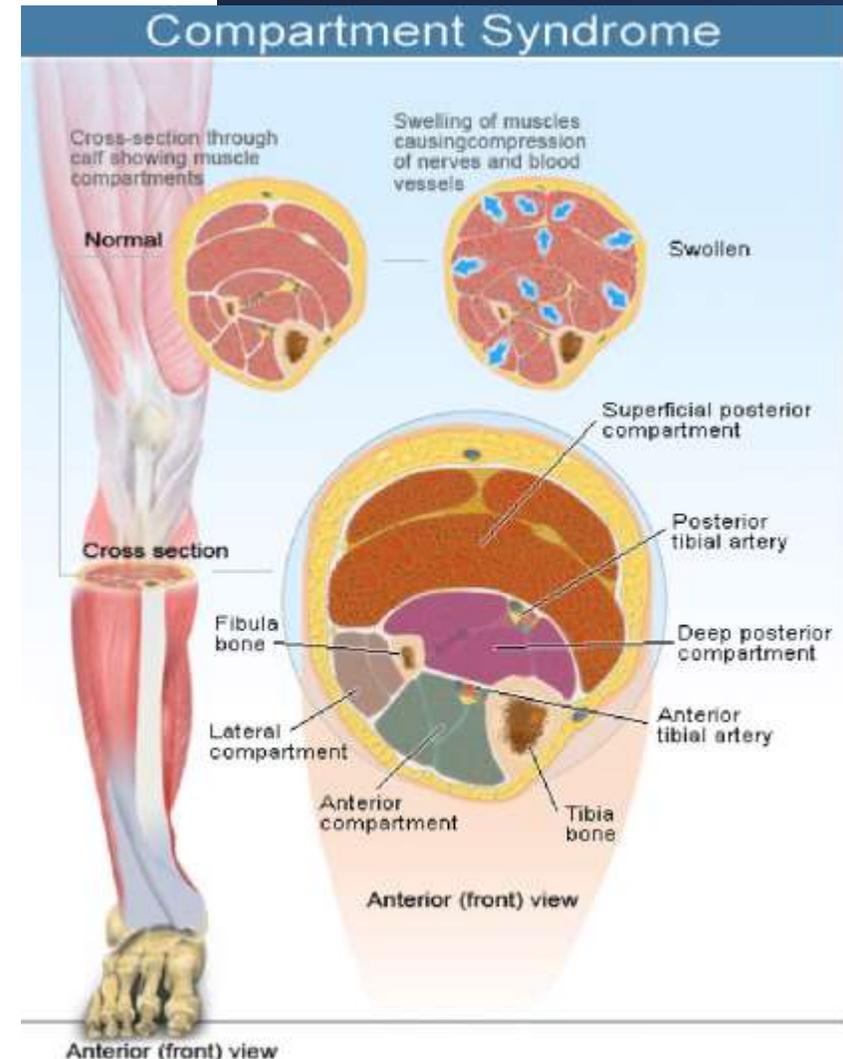


Close Injuries Cont. Compartment Syndrome

- Caused by a crush or compressive injury.
- Painful condition that occurs when pressure within the muscles builds to dangerous levels.
- This pressure can decrease blood flow, which prevents nourishment and oxygen from reaching nerve and muscle cells.

Treatment:

Surgical intervention



Sprains/Strains

- Sprains are ligament injuries resulting from wrenching or twisting a joint.
- Strains are injuries to a muscle or tendon, and are often caused by overuse, force, or stretching. The ankle is the most sprained or strained joint.

Treatment:

R.I.C.E.

REST



ICE



COMPRESSION



ELEVATION



Open Soft Tissue Injuries

- Protective layer of the skin is damaged.
- Wound is contaminated and may become infected.
- Types:
 - Abrasions
 - Lacerations
 - Avulsions
 - Punctures/Penetrations



Abrasions

- An abrasion is a wound of the superficial layer of the skin.
- Caused by friction when the skin rubs or scrapes across rough or hard surface.

Treatment:

Keep wound clean with soap and water, cover the wound.





Laceration

- A separation of skin caused by a sharp object or blunt force that tears the tissue.
- Sizes and depths vary depending on injury.

Treatment:

Control bleeding with direct pressure, keep laceration clean and cover the wound with bandaging.

Avulsion

- An avulsion separates various layers of soft tissue so that they become either completely detached or hang as a flap.
- Potential for significant bleeding.
- Never remove avulsed skin flap.

Treatment:

Control bleeding, replace avulsed skin and apply dressing and bandage into place.



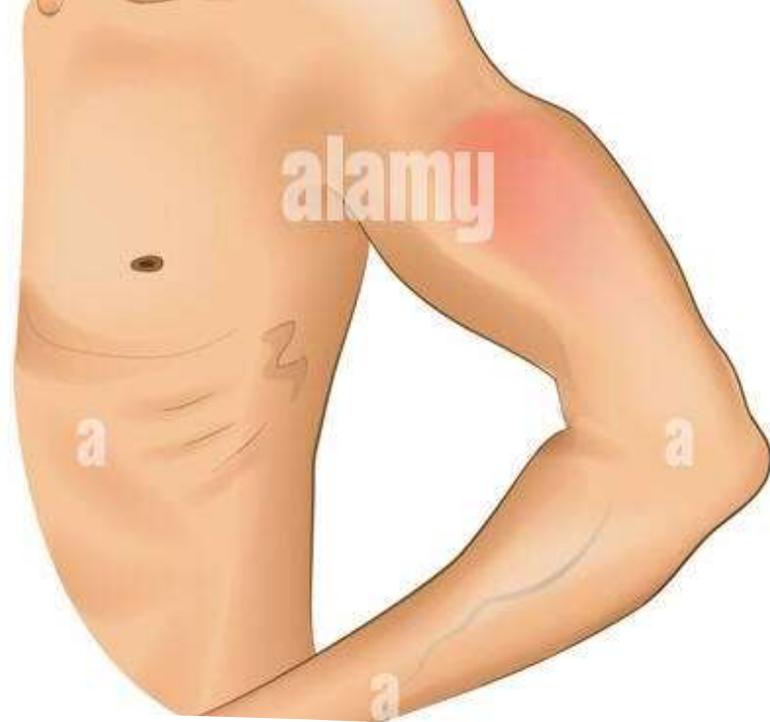
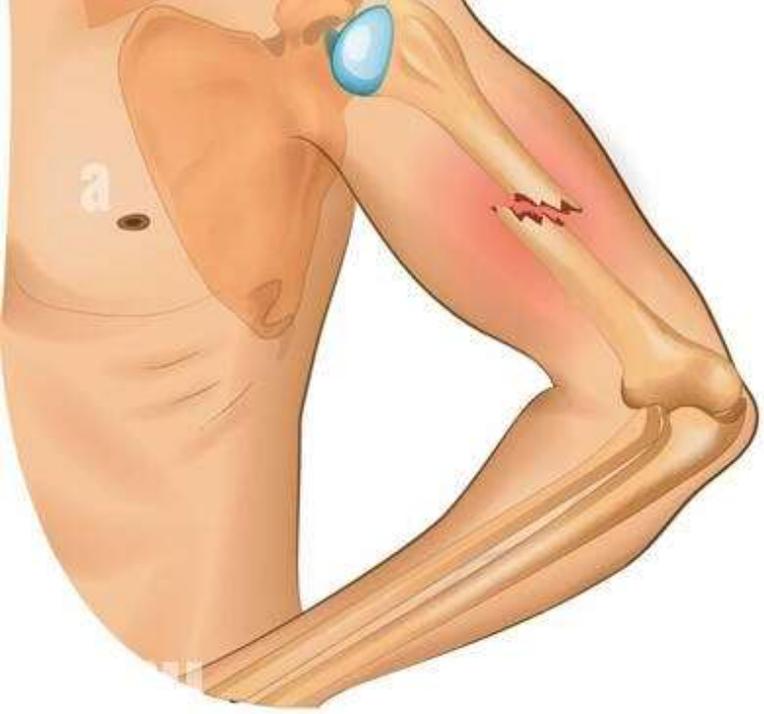
Penetrations/Punctures

- Caused by sharp pointed object
- May have no external bleeding.
- Internal bleeding may be severe.
- Might also have an exit wound.
- Examples include gunshot/stab wound.

Treatment:

If penetrating object is still impaled, apply bulky dressing and bandage in place. Otherwise, cover with a dressing and keep clean.





Types of Fractures

- Open fracture: When the fractured bony fragments are exposed to external environment by means of wound.
- Closed fracture: The fracture fragments are not exposed and are contained under the skin.

Reasons for Splinting

- Reduce pain
- Prevent damage to muscles, nerves, and blood vessels.
- Prevent a closed fracture from becoming an open fracture.
- Reduce bleeding and swelling.
- Prevent a fractured bone from moving into soft tissues.



Types of Splints (1 of 3)

- **Rigid splint:**
- Inflexible device used to maintain stability
- Must be long enough to secure above and below fracture site.



Types of Splints (2 of 3)

- **Soft splint:**
- Pillow
- Useful for lower leg
- Useful for forearm



Types of Splints (3 of 3)

- Self-splint, or anatomic splint:
- Uses the body
- Injured extremity tied to an uninjured part of the body



To Apply a Slint

All fractures and dislocations should be stabilized before the victim is moved.

Cover open wounds with sterile dressing.

Check circulation, sensation, and movement (CSM).

If pulses are absent, gently line up fracture or dislocation.

Never force anything into position.

To Apply a Splint

If two people are present, one should support the injury site, while the other person does the splinting.

When possible, place the splint on both sides of the injured body part.

With rigid splints, use extra padding.

Apply splints firmly, but do not restrict blood flow, always check CSM.

Use RICE (rest, ice, compression, and elevation).

Splinting Guidelines

- Possible spinal injuries take precedence.
- Tell victim not to move.
- Place rolled blankets or towels on each side of the neck.
- Keep victim in a neutral, in-line position until EMS arrives on scene.

Slings

- An open triangular bandage can be used as a sling.
- A folded triangular bandage, known as a cravat, can be used as a swathe in conjunction with a sling.
- Slings are used for dislocated or fractured arm, elbow, or shoulder.



Humerus Fracture

- Use rigid splint.
- A temporary splint extending from the shoulder to the forearm and holding the elbow bent at 90 degrees can be used for initial management of the fracture.





Forearm/Wrist Fracture Splinting

- Can use either soft or rigid type splinting.
- Soft splint such as a pillow and tape keeps fracture immobile and padded.
- Rigid splint keeps fracture immobile, but make sure to use plenty of padding surrounding the injury.

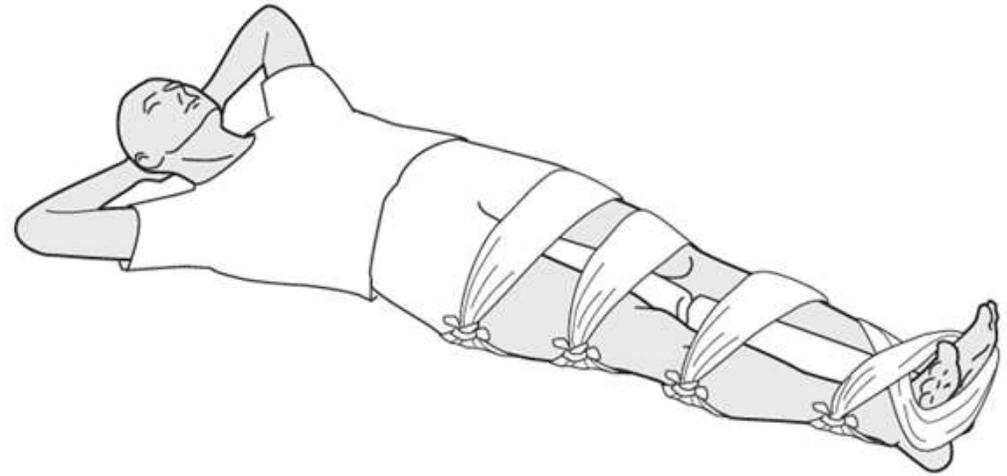
Lower Leg Splinting

- Can use either soft or rigid type splinting.
- Soft splint such as a pillow and tape keeps fracture immobile and padded.
- Rigid splint keeps fracture immobile, but make sure to use plenty of padding surrounding the injury.



Femur Fracture Splinting

- If in extreme pain, apply gentle traction to leg, until relief is felt.
- Can use anatomic splinting, rigid type splint, or soft splint.
- Wait until EMS personnel arrive and apply a traction splint.





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Why Do I Need This Training?

The #1 cause of preventable
death
after injury is **bleeding.**

Goals

1. Identify

Recognize
life-threatening
bleeding

2. Stop the Bleed

Take steps to
STOP THE BLEEDING

- ✓ Pressure
- ✓ Packing
- ✓ Tourniquets

Personal Safety

YOUR safety is **YOUR** first priority

- If you are injured, you cannot help others
- Help others only when it's **safe** to do so
- If the situation changes or becomes **unsafe**:
 - ✓ Stop
 - ✓ Move to safety
 - ✓ If you can, take the victim with you

Personal Safety

YOUR safety is **YOUR** first priority

- Wear gloves if you can
- If you get **blood** on you, be sure to clean any part of your body that the blood has touched
- Tell a health care provider that you got **blood** on you, and follow his or her direction

ABCs of Bleeding Control

A Alert 911

B Bleeding

C Compress

ABCs of Bleeding Control

A Alert 911

- Call 911
- Know your location
- Follow instructions provided by 911 operator

ABCs of Bleeding Control

B Bleeding

- Find source of **bleeding**
- Look for:
 - ✓ Continuous **bleeding**
 - ✓ Large-volume **bleeding**
 - ✓ Pooling of blood

ABCs of Bleeding Control

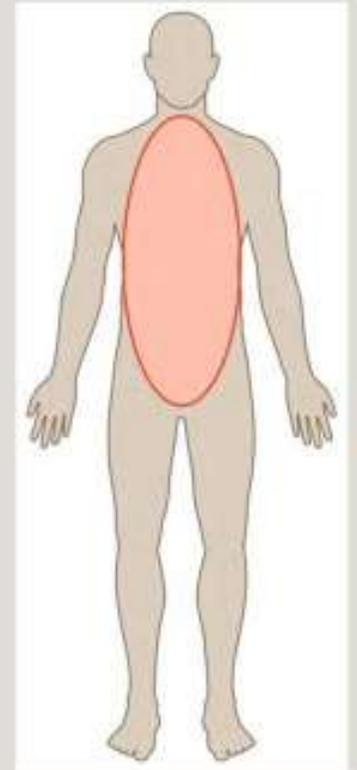
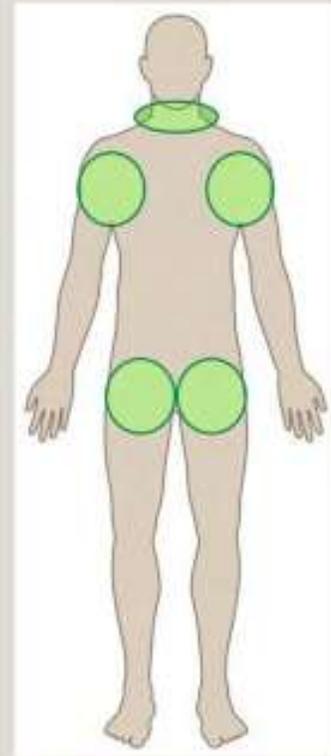
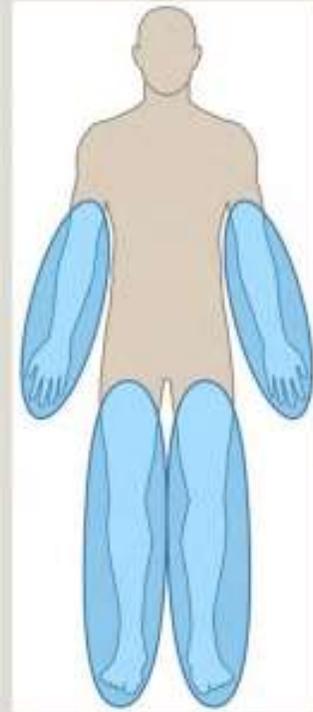
B Bleeding

- There may be multiple places the victim is **bleeding**
- Clothing may also hide life-threatening **bleeding**

ABCs of Bleeding Control

B Bleeding

- Arms and legs
- Neck, armpits, and groin
- Body



ABCs of Bleeding Control

A. Alert 911

B. Bleeding

C. Compress - Pressure



ABCs of Bleeding Control

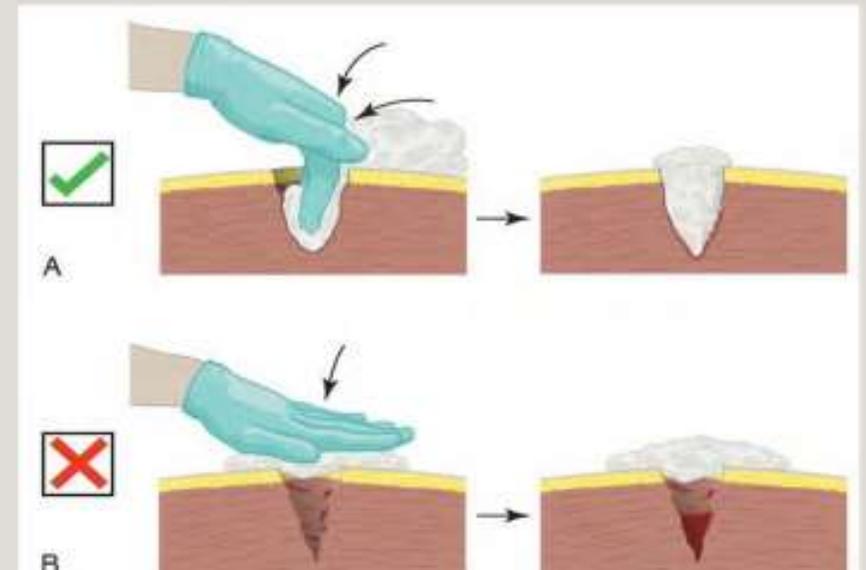
C Compress - Pressure

- Apply direct pressure to wound
- Focus on the location of the **bleeding**
- Use just enough gauze or cloth to cover injury
- If pressure stops the **bleeding**, keep pressure on wound until help arrives

ABCs of Bleeding Control

C Compress - Packing

- For large wounds, superficial pressure is not effective
- If **bleeding** is from a deep wound, pack gauze tightly into the wound until it stops the **bleeding**; hold pressure until help arrives



ABCs of Bleeding Control

C Compress - Tourniquet

- Apply 2 to 3 inches above wound
- Do not place over the elbow or knee
- Tighten tourniquet until **bleeding** stops
- Do NOT remove the tourniquet

ABCs of Bleeding Control

C Compress - Tourniquet

- Can apply to others or on yourself
- Can be applied over clothes
- Tourniquets HURT
- A second tourniquet may be required to stop the **bleeding**

ABCs of Bleeding Control



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Bleeding control in children

- In all but the extremely young child, the same tourniquet used for adults can be used in children.
- For the infant or very small child (tourniquet too big), direct pressure on the wound as described previously will work in virtually all cases.
- For large, deep wounds, wound packing can be performed in children just as in adults using the same technique as described previously.

Summary

- ✓ Personal safety
- A Alert 911
- B Find **bleeding**
- C Compress with pressure and/or packing
- C Compress with a tourniquet
- ✓ Wait for help to arrive





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**The only thing more tragic than a death...
is a death that could have been prevented.**

