

# OPERATING ROOM PROCEDURES FOR MASS CASUALTY

## MANAGEMENT STEP BY STEP

### Objective

To be able to manage the flow of patient care in the OR's during a mass casualty situation.

### Steps (Indicate date and time for each item)

**Refer to facility's Operation's Manual**

Open up appropriate annex

**Activate call-in tree**

Assign an individual to activate. Use clerical personnel or automatic paging system, if available

**Assess status of operating rooms**

Determine staffing of OR's 0-2, 2-12 and 12-24 hours. Hold elective cases.

**Alert current OR's**

Finish current surgical procedures as soon as possible and prepare to receive trauma

**Assign staff**

Set up for trauma/emergency cases

**Anesthesia Coordinator should become OR Medical Director**

Work with OR Nursing Manager to facilitate communication and coordination of staff and facilities

**Report OR status to Hospital Command Center (HCC)**

Enter telephone, email address of HCC

**Ensure adequate supplies**

Coordinate with anesthesia techs/supply personnel to ensure adequate supplies of fluids, medications, disposables, other

**Contact PACU**

Accelerate transfer of patients to floors/ICU's in preparation for high volume of cases

**Anesthesiologist should act as liaison in Emergency Department (ED)**

Send an experienced practitioner to the ED to act as a liaison (your eyes & ears) and keep communications open to Anesthesia Coordinator

**Consider assembly of Stat Teams**

Combination of anesthesia, surgical, nursing, respiratory personnel to triage, as needed

**HAZMET/WMD event**

Review special personal protective procedures, such as DECON & isolation techniques. Consider if part of the OR or hallways should be considered "hot" or should have ventilation altered. Good resources include CHEMM/REMM websites



**Coordinate with blood bank**

Verify blood availability

**Coordinate with other patient care areas**

ICU's, OB, Peds, etc to ensure continuity of care for new and existing patients



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