Emergency Medical Teams

Health care surge capacity during emergencies
EMT Definition

“Groups of health professionals and supporting staff, aiming to provide direct clinical care to populations affected by disasters or outbreaks and emergencies as surge capacity to support the local health system. They include governmental (both civilian and military) and non-governmental teams.”
EMT Quality Management Framework

- Contribute to health systems and healthcare workforce readiness
- Build capacity for medical teams at national level
- Strengthen coordination mechanisms
- Mirror typology, skills and services from the EMT Classification Program at country level
- Support development of external evaluation programs, adaptation of standards at national level
- Twinning Arrangements (and possible reverse innovation)

- Membership
- Policy/Strategic Governance
- Emergency Response
- Academia

- Mentorship
- External Peer Review
- Classification Visits
- Twinning arrangements

- Knowledge Hub (toolkit, how to guides, protocols)
- Trainings
- Website
- Operational Research (Q)

- The EMT Network
- The Global Classification System
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Learning
- Standard Setting
- Support Development of National Surge capacity

Save lives
Preserve health
Alleviate suffering
Global EMT Classification

✓ Improve quality, timeliness & predictability EMTs deployed in emergencies
✓ Creation of a Global Registry of EMTs willing to respond to emergencies & enhance coordination
✓ Facilitate operationalization of minimum standards by EMTs
✓ Minimize burden & support affected Health Systems
Classification process

GENERAL PROCESS

Total percentage is calculated based on the following rate of completed pathway:

1. Expression of Interest - 5%
2. Self Assessment - 5%
3. Mentor Assignment - 60%
4. Mentorship Process - 10%
5. Pre-Verification Visit - 10%
6. Verification Visit - 5%
7. International Registration - 5%
8. Reclassification - 15%
9. 25%
10. 85%
11. 90%
12. 100%
Verification Criteria

- Guiding Principles
- Core Standards
- Technical Standards

- HR & Team management
- Clinical capability & capacity
- Medical records & reporting
- Operational capability & capacity
- Activation plans
- Team health & Welfare
- Training & Exercise
- Deployment history
EMT Website

- Portal for registration to the Classification process
- Directory of Classified teams and of teams in process
- Knowledge hub of all technical standards, publications, and training materials
• Alert notification via listserv to whole EMT network
• Offers of assistance sent via email
• Alert system linked to website planned for 2021/2022
EMTs Deployment Cycle

1. Offer of Assistance from EMT
2. Acceptance of offer from affected country
3. Registration and Medical License to practise in country
4. Tasking (assign an EMT to a site of operation)
5. Monitoring and Reporting (regular reporting from EMTs and data analysis from EMTCC)
6. Re-tasking (if required)
7. Quality Assurance field visits
8. Handover Exit (EMTs Exit Report)
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TEAMS IN COVID-19

Over one hundred and fifty EMTs and focal points worldwide are working closely with the EMT Secretariat which is continuously engaged in monitoring, guiding, and facilitating national and international COVID-19 response operations.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL TEAMS INTERNATIONALLY DEPLOYED

>900
NATIONAL TEAMS MOBILIZED USING THE EMT METHODOLOGY

24,232 beds for augmentation and over 11,500 front line responders trained

13
NEW DOCUMENTS AND GUIDANCE CONTRIBUTED AND CREATED
Lessons learned

• Constraints with host server and CMS
• Resources required to maintain and sustain
• Access for the general public vs network
• Information update

Steps forward

• Automated alert system embedded in EMT website
• Roster alert for EMT surge experts
• Internal system for complete EMT deployment cycle
• HQ dashboard for EMT classification and operations
• Emergency dashboard for coordination cells
• EMT country profile database
Thank you
Any questions?

For more...

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