

Disaster Medical Operations –Part 1

Community Emergency Response Team



Berkeley CERT Disaster Medical
(Part 1)

Unit Objectives

- Identify the “killers”
- Apply techniques for opening airways, controlling bleeding and treating for shock.
- Conduct triage under simulated disaster conditions.



Treatment of Life-Threatening Conditions

The “killers”:

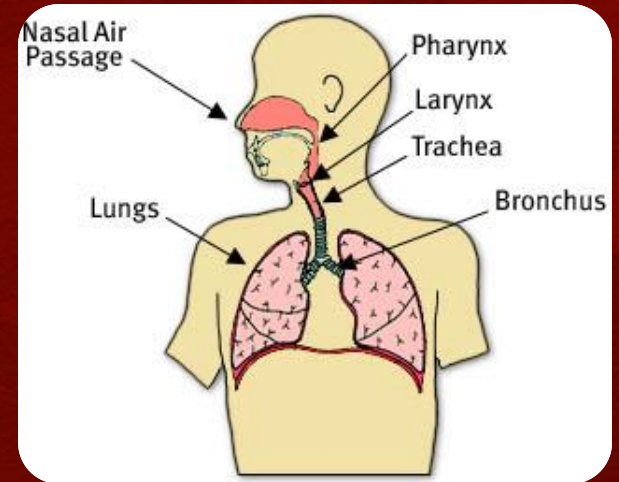
- Airway obstruction
- Excessive bleeding
- Shock



Treatment of Life-Threatening Conditions

Components of a respiratory system:

- Lung
- Bronchus
- Larynx
- Pharynx
- Nasal Air Passage
- Trachea



Triage

- Immediate (I)
- Delayed (D)
- Dead (DEAD)

CONTAMINATED

FRONT

Personal Property Receipt/Evidence Tag
1234567

Destination: _____
Via: _____
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All Risk™ TRIAGE TAG

S **L** **U** **D** **G** **E** **M**

AUTO INJECTOR TYPE 1 2 3

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Primary/Secondary/Other

Blunt Trauma Burns C-Spine Cardiac Choking Fracture Laceration Penetrating Injury Other

VITAL SIGNS

| Time | B/P | Pulse | Respiration |
|------|-----|-------|-------------|
| | | | |
| | | | |

Time Drug Solution Dose

CONTAMINATED

EVIDENCE

BACK

Comments/Information

Patient's Name: _____

RESPIRATIONS **R** Yes No **PERFUSION** **P** > 2 Sec. < 2 Sec. **MENTAL STATUS** **M** Can Do Can't Do

Move the Walking Wounded ▶ **MINOR**

No Respirations After Head Tilt ▶ **MORGUE**

Respirations - Over 30 ▶ **IMMEDIATE**

Perfusion - Capillary Refill Over 2 Seconds ▶ **IMMEDIATE**

Mental Status - Unable to Follow Simple Commands ▶ **IMMEDIATE**

Otherwise ▶ **DELAYED**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

COMMENTS: _____ RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE: _____

EVIDENCE

MORGUE Pulseless/Non-Breathing

IMMEDIATE Life-Threatening Injury

DELAYED Serious/Non-Life-Threatening

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Triage Pitfalls

- No team plan, organization or goal
- Indecisive leadership
- Too much focus on one injury
- Treatment (rather than triage) performed

