SMART Tags / START Triage

Purpose: The program is designed to educate EMTs on using START triage during mass casualty events and using SMART Triage Tags to document patient's priority, treatment and transport.

Objectives: After completion of the program the EMT should be able to

- o Define MCI & triage

- o Assign a priority to patients involved in an MCI

- o Use the SMART Triage Tag to indicate patient priority, document patient care, identify contamination status and track patient transportation.

Outline:

1. Definitions   10 minutes

    a. MCI

    b. Triage

2. Adult Triage – Primary   30 minutes

    a. Overall Assessment

    b. Mobility

    c. Respiratory Status

    d. Circulation Status

    e. Mental Status

3. Pediatric Triage   20 minutes

    a. SMART Triage Tape

    b. Considerations

        i. Patient size

            1. Mobility

            2. Respiratory Status

            3. Mental Status

      ii.   Trapped Children

      iii.   Kg calculation

4. SMART Triage Tags   30 minutes

   a. Assigning Priority

   b. Patient Status Cards

      i.   Contaminated / decontaminated

         1.   Chemical

         2.   Biohazard

         3.   Radiation

   c. Secondary Triage

      i.   Criteria for secondary triage

      ii.   Calculating a score

      iii.   Assigning a priority

   d. Treatment Fields

   e. Assessment Fields

   f. Transport Fields

5. SMART Triage Packs   20 minutes

   a. Contents

   b. Triage Schematics

   c. Casualty count

6. Summary & Questions   10 minutes