



# Triage – We are Overwhelmed

The greatest good for the greatest  
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# Objectives

- Know the triage colors and what they mean
- Know the RPM acronym and how to evaluate it
- Know Major ICS roles
- Know how to manage an accident site





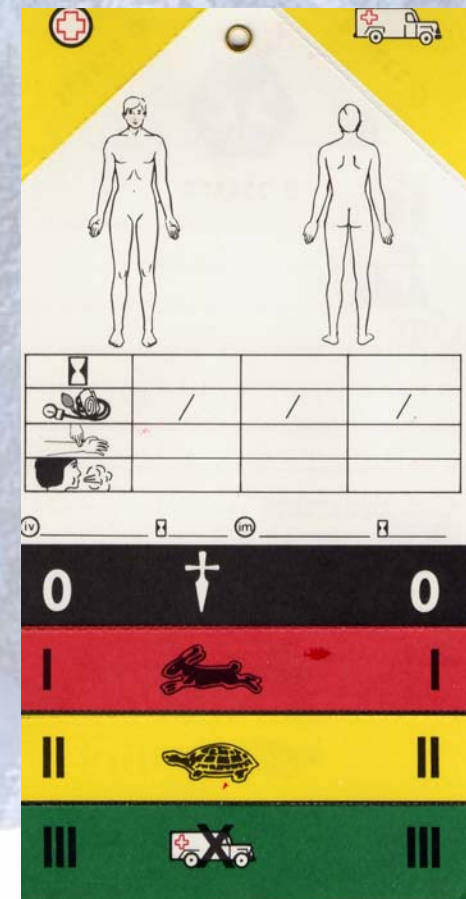
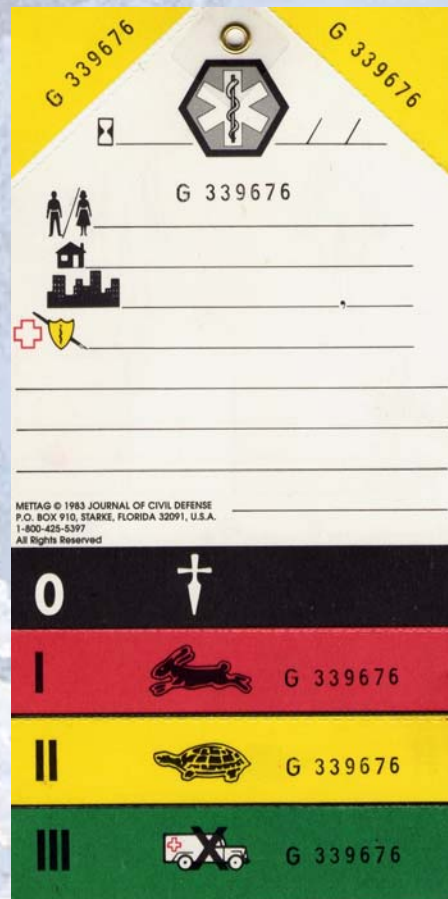
# Simple Triage and Rapid Treatment (START)

- Those whose survival requires more resources than we can give
- Those whose survival requires immediate action
- Those whose survival requires deferred action
- Those whose survival does not require action



# The Triage Tag

- Color Tabs
- Transport Tabs
- Patient ID
- Vitals





# RPM is the Patient's Friend

- Respiration – in normal range
- Perfusion – has radial pulse
- Mental Status – follows simple commands





# Outcome is Recorded with Triage Tag

- Green – walks away on command
- Black – Cannot maintain respirations unassisted
- Red – Fails one or more RPM checks
- Yellow – Passes RPM checks





# Step by Step

- Ask those who can walk to do so
- Open airway
- Identify life threatening bleeding
- Evaluate RPM to first failure
- Use “greens” to assist with airway mgt and bleeding control
- Tag and move on within 30 seconds





# In Review .....

- Colors – Black, Red, Yellow, Green
- RPM

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# Incident Command System

- National standard
- Standard vocabulary and organization
- Run by county sheriff
- Addresses total problem

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# Some Vocabulary

- ICS
- Managed Resources – Strike Force and Task Force
- Hospital Diversion
- Mutual Aid

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# ICS Roles

- Incident Commander - not on site
- Accident Site Commander
  - Equipment
  - Treatment
  - Transportation
- Triage Manager





# On-Site ICS Guidelines

- Stay organized
- Write it down
- Report up the chain
- Manage resources (eg. O2 & backboards)
- Reserve 25% of resources for on-site management
- Reserve adequate resources for treatment (1 person backboards?)

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# Step by Step

- First person on scene becomes Triage Manager
  - May take second on scene to assist
  - Conduct triage – 30 sec per patient MAX
  - Tag patients
  - Record patients
  - Report to ASC
  - Continue follow-up triage





# Step by Step

- Second person on scene becomes Accident Site Commander
  - Record/analyze triage results
  - Identify treatment order
  - Report to Incident Commander
  - Allocate equipment
  - Coordinate transportation





# In Review .....

- Major roles
- Guidelines
- Triage Duties
- ASC duties

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# Next Time

- Poles and foam pads

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# The Triage Guided Practice

- Method
- Form
- Rotation

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