

Conflict Medicine

Mass Casualty Management

The WHO Academy Standards 2023

2024 Blasts – The Lessons Learnt

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Objective?
AVOID THIS...



WHO 2023 Standards in MCM

■ **Emphasis on:**

- 1. Crowd Control: Internal & External**
- 2. Vacate ED in 3 steps**
 - 1) Stretchers outside**
 - 2) ED Buffer Zone**
 - 3) Floor Teams assume role**
- 3. Zone Leads: Resource Lead vs Clinical Lead**
- 4. Incident Command**
- 5. Color Jackets**

WHO Standards in MCM

- **Emphasis on:**
 - 1. Yellow patients → to the floors or ICUs**
 - 2. Red Patients → to the OR**

WHO Standards in MCM

- **Emphasis on:**

- 1. Triage: Step 1 vs Step 2**
- 2. Unidirectional unrestricted Patient Flow**
- 3. Buffer Zone**
- 4. Team Approach: Pit vs Rotational**

WHO Standards in MCM

- **Emphasis on:**
 - 1. Incident Command**
 - 2. Clinical Lead**
 - 3. Resource Lead**
- ➔ Small vs Large Hospitals**

WHO Standards in MCM

■ Major Differences

1. Red vs Green - No Yellow

2. Maintain Patient Flow

✓ Unidirectional

✓ Unrestricted for patients

✓ Strictly: No companions (except children)

WHO Standards in MCM

- **Major Differences**

- 1. No CPR**
- 2. No Radiology: No CTs, No Xrays**
- 3. No Laboratory Testing**

WHO Standards in MCM

- **Emphasis on: Red Patients → to the OR**
 - ➔ **Role of Clinical Lead**
 - ➔ **Qualifications of Clinical Lead**
 - ➔ **Reverse Flow in the OR suite**
 - ➔ **DCS limitations**

WHO Standards in MCM

- **Major Differences**

- 1. No provisions for Level 1 vs Level 2 activations**
- 2. Emphasis on a “Button” for activation**

A wooden sign with a light brown, textured surface, featuring a white border and a white shadow. The sign is mounted on a dark blue background with a white grid pattern. The sign has a large white 'X' shape cut out of its center. The Latin phrase 'Dulce bellum inexpertis' is written in a blue, italicized, serif font on the sign.

*Dulce
bellum
inexpertis*

**War is delightful to those who have
no experience of it.**

Erasmus

Questions ?

