

SUBJECT: HAZARDOUS MATERIAL EXPOSURE

HazMat incidents require special attention and frequently the need for specially trained personnel. Refer to policy # 836 Hazardous Material Incident.

4 important caveats for medical responders are:

- **Do not** enter a contaminated area unless properly protected.
- Specialized protective equipment and/or SCBAs shall not be utilized by untrained personnel.
- Do not transport a contaminated pt until the pt has been thoroughly decontaminated. Exception, do not delay the treatment or transportation of immediate criterion patients that are contaminated with radioactive material.
- Early base contact will maximize assistance from necessary resources.

Refer to Hazardous Materials Medical Management Reference

- Confirm # of victims, hazmat involved or DOT 4-digit placard # from IC & call base hospital for guidance
- Pts should be fully decontaminated by appropriate trained and equipped personnel. Exception, do not delay the treatment or transportation of immediate criterion patients that are contaminated with radioactive material
- After pt is fully decontaminated, cover w/ blankets and/or sheets as appropriate for medical and weather conditions.
- If transporting personnel become contaminated, they shall immediately undergo decontamination
- If eye exposure occurs, irrigate each exposed eye w/ 1 liter NS - remove contact lenses

BASIC THERAPY

- ABCs- establish & secure airway, w/ adjuncts as appropriate and necessary.
- Oxygen @ appropriate flow rate
- If trauma suspected, use full spinal immobilization
- EKG

See pages 2 & 3 for Specific Therapies

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