2023 Statewide Medical and Health Exercise

# Chemical Fire with Burn & Pediatric Surge Scenario Ambulatory Surgical Objectives

**How To Use This Document:** *The purpose of this document is to provide sample objectives and capabilities for exercise planners to select from in designing their Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (SWMHE). These capabilities and their supporting objectives were identified based on the Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP)(formerly MYTEP) developed by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). To access this document, visit* <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/EPO/Pages/swmhe.aspx>

*To use this document, insert your agency/organization’s name in the bracketed text in the header that reads “***Insert Name of Agency/Organization Here*.****” Review the suggested capabilities and objectives and* ***consider them as options to create an Exercise Plan that is customized to the unique characteristics of your organization******and community****. Select and modify as needed. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA),* ***ten or fewer objectives are recommended for a functional exercise****.*

## Applicable Capabilities

| **Type** | **Capability** | **Capability Goal** |
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| HPP | Foundation for Health Care and Medical Readiness | The community’s health care organizations and other stakeholders – coordinated through a sustainable Health Care Coalition (HCC) – have strong relationships, identify hazards and risks, and prioritize and address gaps through planning, training, exercising, and managing resources. |
| HPP | Health Care and Medical Response Coordination | Health care organizations, the Health Care Coalition (HCC), their jurisdiction(s), and the ESF-8 lead agency plan and collaborate to share and analyze information, manage and share resources, and coordinate strategies to deliver medical care to all populations during emergencies and planned events. |
| HPP | Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery | Health care organizations, with support from the HCC and the ESF-8 lead agency, provide uninterrupted, optimal medical care to all populations in the face of damaged or disabled health care infrastructure. Health care workers are well-trained, well-educated, and well-equipped to care for patients during emergencies. |
| HPP | Medical Surge | Health care organizations – including hospitals, EMS, and out-of-hospital providers – deliver timely and efficient care to their patients even when the demand for health care services exceeds available supply. The HCC, in collaboration with the ESF-8 lead agency, coordinates information and available resources for its members to maintain conventional surge response. When an emergency overwhelms the HCC’s collective resources, the HCC supports the health care delivery system’s transition to contingency and crisis surge response and promotes a timely return to conventional standards of care as soon as possible. |

# Proposed Objectives

## Objective One

Maintain awareness of the common operating picture by gathering and sharing real-time information related to the emergency, the current state of the health care delivery system, and situational awareness through coordination with the Medical and Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) and local Health Care Coalition (HCC) partners as appropriate for your policies and procedures. *Health Care Preparedness and Response Capability 2: Health Care and Medical Response Coordination*

Sample Task(s):

* Use information sharing procedures specific to the incident response and document these procedures for staff within a reasonable timeframe of incident notification
* Utilize and test redundant communication systems to notify the MHOAC and/or other response partners of the facility’s status and resource needs
* Coordinate resource availability and needs to the local MHOAC and/or other response partners

## Objective Two

Activate the Incident Command System (ICS) and the facility’s Command Center (if applicable) within a reasonable timeframe as established by your Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). *Health Care Preparedness and Response Capability 2: Health Care and Medical Response Coordination*

Sample Task(s):

* Activate the facility’s Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), and notify all staff of plan activation
* Identify immediate resource needs and communicate them to the MHOAC and/or other response partners
* Communicate with staff to notify them of Command Center activation and initiate response strategies, as appropriate including notifications to patients and visitors

## Objective Three

Determine the facility’s priorities for ensuring key functions are maintained throughout the emergency, including the provision of care to existing and new patients. *Health Care Preparedness and Response Capability 3: Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery*

Sample Task(s):

* Determine those services that are critical to patient care and those that could be suspended or transferred to a different facility, and report back to the Command Center
* Coordinate the provision of continued staff and resources for Administrative and Finance functions throughout response
* Activate Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP) where applicable, and include COOP status updates within staff briefings and operational objectives
* Coordinate that business operations are sustainable for a potentially long-term event, and identify strategies for sustainability in a long-term recovery plan and/or objectives

## Objective Four

Evaluate capabilities and resources for a burn surge event in accordance with the Health Care Coalition (HCC)’s medical surge, burn surge, and resource sharing plans and polices. *Health Care Preparedness and Response Capability 4: Medical Surge*

Sample Task(s):

* Complete any assigned functions for ambulatory surgical centers within the local health care coalition’s burn surge plan
* Call back any clinical and non-clinical staff who may be used in non-traditional roles to assist in response efforts or to assist at other healthcare locations, and implement any HCC member staff sharing plans
* Implement emergency equipment, supplies, and stocking strategies, and HCC resource sharing agreements

## Objective Five

Plan for the activation of mental and behavioral health services for all staff members as part of incident response and recovery planning. *Health Care Capability 3: Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery*

Sample Task(s):

* Coordinate with the MHOAC and HCC partners to determine the need for additional behavioral and mental health services, partners, and volunteers to provide an appropriate level of care to staff, patients, and family members
* Coordinate with administration and leadership to facilitate access to and promote availability of mental and behavioral health services for staff, patients, and family members, including briefings for staff on educating patients and families on available resources