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Community Disaster Drill Triage and Recovery Coordination

Practical 06 / Skills laboratory

Aim

Participate in a community emergency drill and assess triage, referral and recovery coordination.

Principle

Defined roles, safety checks, simple communication and reassessment support organised response in a surge.

Articles and Materials

- Fictional incident plan, triage tags and map
- Observation cards and drill evaluation sheet

Procedure

1. Review the exercise area, hazards, available services, authorised command structure and assigned student role.
2. Check scene safety and confirm team contact routes and locations for assessment, transport and family support.
3. Use the approved triage tool on model cases and assign categories according to observed findings. Record times and notify the appropriate team.

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Procedure Continued

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4. Reassess and update priority after a scenario change. Record immediate actions within scope and verify escort and destination.
5. Communicate patient or group status, resource needs and waiting priorities to the responsible coordinator. Use privacy and supportive communication.
6. Plan continuity for vulnerable persons, medicines and routine health services as assigned. Verify how families will receive approved information.
7. Debrief record quality, missed checks, coordination and one measurable improvement. Assign an owner and date for practice.
8. Complete the drill report with observations, transfers, unresolved needs and follow-up. Reconcile each simulated casualty with the transfer register.

Precautions

- Use the authorised disaster and triage plan.
- Reassess on changes and communicate urgent findings.

Observations and Record

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Documentation

Item	What to record	Why it matters
Preparedness	Roles, hazards and contact routes	Supports organisation
Triage	Category, time and reassessment	Prioritises available care
Review	Transfers, gaps and improvement	Supports safe repeat drills

Worked Example

A model casualty deteriorates while waiting for transport. The student updates the category and tells the coordinator about the new priority.

Result and Evaluation

Demonstrate safe drill participation and provide a traceable debrief and improvement plan.

Viva Questions and Answers

Why reassess an assigned triage category?

It may need to change as the person's condition evolves.

What belongs in a drill debrief?

Observed performance, identified gaps, responsibilities and a retest plan.

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