

Chapter 2 - Hospital Emergency Operations Response: Mass Casualty Response Test Questions

1. Which one of the following best explains the difference between a mass casualty disaster and the routine management of emergency/trauma patients:
 - a. Number of casualties
 - b. Overwhelmed resources
 - c. Unusual injury patterns
 - d. Surge capacity

2. Which one of the following statements about triage in mass casualty disasters is true:
 - a. Overtriage is the assignment of critically injured casualties to delayed treatment.
 - b. Only physicians are qualified to serve as triage officers.
 - c. Radiologic studies are an essential element of triage.
 - d. Overtriage of disaster victims decreases resources available for critically injured survivors.

3. Which **one** of the following factors minimizes health worker stress during and/or after a disaster:
 - a. Threat to personal safety
 - b. Responder personnel debriefing in operational units
 - c. Uncertain duration of event
 - d. Human error and/or malicious intent

4. Which **one** of the following is a common mistake that impedes the effectiveness of disaster responses:
 - a. Rapid institution of search and rescue at the disaster scene
 - b. Early hospital lockdown to prevent uncontrolled influx of casualties
 - c. Immediate call for blood donor volunteers to come to the hospital
 - d. Clear designation of authority among responders and limiting scope of responsibility

5. Which **one** of the following contributes to a successful disaster response:
 - a. Designation of one sole communications methodology
 - b. Uncertain delegation of authority and responsibility
 - c. Overtriage
 - d. All-hazards planning



