



**DEFENSE INSTITUTE FOR
MEDICAL OPERATIONS (DIMO)**
**“Mass Casualty Response for
Healthcare Personnel”**
Mobile Training Team (MTT)
MASL D309055



Background: DIMO developed this course to create a foundation for healthcare personnel in mass casualty response, triage and trauma management. Since critical life-saving skills can minimize preventable deaths from traumatic injury, it is imperative that healthcare personnel are adept at identifying and prioritizing casualties. Following initial casualty assessment, prompt delivery of critical skills in close proximity to the scene of injury is vital. Trauma management can be applied in austere environments without expensive equipment or technology-intensive healthcare systems. Ultimately, the goal of this course is to enhance healthcare personnel proficiency and confidence in mass casualty response. This course builds upon the successes of both the Basic First Responder (Non-Medics) and the Lifesaving Skills for Medics Courses.

Program Scope:

- Learn a safe and efficient approach to mass casualty events in order to minimize morbidity and mortality
- Execute a prioritized trauma management algorithm for critically injured patients
- Implement life-saving trauma skills in a resource-limited environment
- Utilize all available medical and non-medical personnel to ensure a safe and secure scene

Course Objectives: This course will give healthcare personnel a foundation for effective Mass Casualty Response by acquiring the necessary theory, concepts, and educational tools. The curriculum highlights resource management, leadership, and planning principles. Some examples of training emphasis include medical management of various injuries and traumas; medical response to mass casualties including initial triage; incident command and control; safety; patient regulation; and a field exercise on the final day of the course which is designed to simulate a mass casualty scenario.

Course Duration: 5 days

Class Size: 40 students maximum

How Offered: Conducted in the host country by a MET.

Intended International Audience: This course is primarily for physicians and nurses who are first-level care providers to traumatically injured patients.

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