

Contingency Plans

31 July 2003

SARS Expert Committee
Request for Submissions from Hospital Authority (HA)

The SARS Expert Committee has requested for information on Hospital Outbreak Control Plan :

"Please provide a copy of the contingency plan that has already been in existence for major incidents of non infectious disease nature for reference and an account of the drills that had been launched in the past year."

(Paragraph 3(b) in Annex to letter of 21 July 2003 from Secretary, SARS Expert Committee)

The HA hereby submit an HA Civil Disaster Contingency Plan (CDCP) to the Committee for reference (~~SC07-44P-EW~~ SC 2 Paper No.: A1174). CDCP is a general framework applicable to all types of civil disaster. HA also have specific contingency plans for certain incidents, eg aircraft crash, radiological, biological and chemical incidents, which serve as reference in conjunction with CDCP. Other plans like the help desk guidelines and clinical psychology service plan also serve to supplement CDCP. A list of HA contingency plans are in Appendix 1. The HA will be happy to submit the plans listed in Appendix 1 on request.

As to drills, hospitals conduct drills on an annual basis to test their contingency plans and as a quality standard under Section 3 of the HA annual plan. For large scale inter-departmental joint exercises involving multiple Accident & Emergency Departments and acute hospitals, a list of joint exercises conducted since 1 January 2002 is in Appendix 2.

Hospital Authority
29 July 2003

HA Contingency Plans

(1) Civil Disaster

- (a) Civil Disaster Contingency Plan
- (b) Hospital Network in the event of Civil Disaster
- (c) Call out for Medical Control Officer (MCO) and Medical Teams
- (d) Guidelines on Setting Up of Help Desk
- (e) Civil Disaster Contingency Plan (Clinical Psychology Services)

(2) Aircraft Incident

(3) HA's Response to Biological & Chemical Attacks

- (a) HA HAZMAT Incident Contingency Plan
- (b) Sample of Hospital Decontamination Contingency Plan
- (c) Checklist on management of patients suspected to be contaminated with biological or chemical agents.
- (d) Notification mechanism
 - Notifiable Diseases.
 - Suspected Cases of Biological Attacks other than the Notifiable Diseases.
- (e) Fact Sheet on Preparation for Biological Attack
- (f) Medical management of Chemical Incident Victims.
- (g) Fact Sheets and management plans on Biological Agents.
 - Anthrax
 - Botulism
 - Plague
 - Smallpox
- (h) Department of Health - Fact Sheet on Anthrax.
- (i) Mechanism for arranging Emergency Supply of Drugs to AEDs in Hospitals.

(4) HA's response to radiological incidents

- (a) Hospital network for radiological incidents
- (b) Daya Bay Contingency Plan.

(5) Others

- (a) CASEVACS
- (b) Rainstorm / Typhoon arrangements

List of Joint Exercises since 1 January 2002

Date	Type of Exercise	Name of Exercise
25 Jan 2002	Aircraft Crash Exercise	Emergency Exercise 2002
April 2002 - Warm-up Exercise (9 Apr 2002) - Main Exercise Phase I (16 Apr 2002) - Main Exercise Phase II (18 Apr 2002)	RBC Agent Attack Exercise	Exercise PINNACLE
3 Oct 2002	Large scale hill fire with mountain rescue operation	Vegetation Fire-cum- Mountain Rescue Exercise 2002 at Tai Leng Tung
14 Nov 2002	Train incident at Beacon Hill Tunnel of KCR-East Rail	Exercise Beacon 02
21 Nov 2002	Aircraft Crash Exercise	Exercise CLK 2002
29 Jun 2003	Traffic accidents on highway	Roadside Rescue
27 Oct 2003	Large scale hill fire with mountain rescue operation	Vegetation Fire-cum- Mountain Rescue Exercise 2003 at Shek O Country Park