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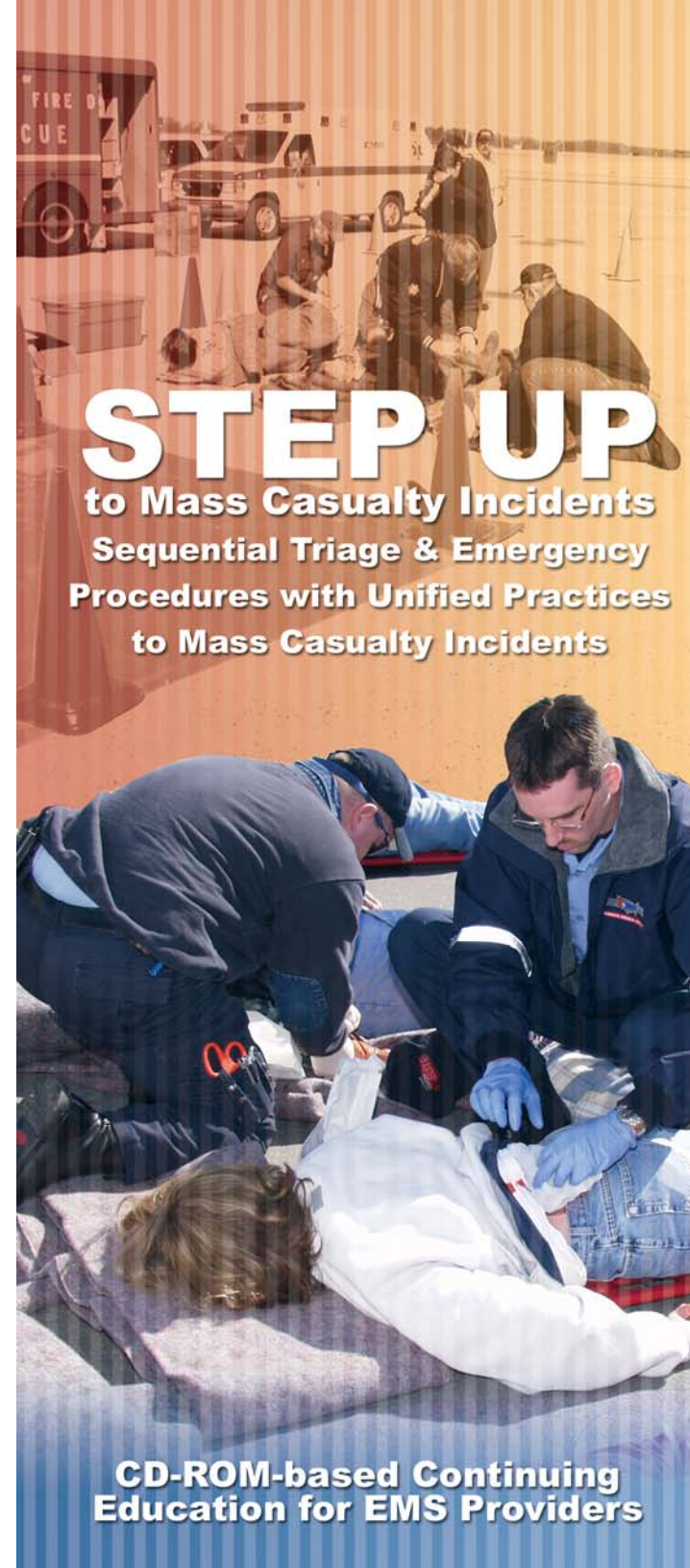
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# STEP UP

to Mass Casualty Incidents  
Sequential Triage & Emergency  
Procedures with Unified Practices  
to Mass Casualty Incidents

**CD-ROM-based Continuing  
Education for EMS Providers**

# Is Your Staff Prepared to Respond?



Most EMS providers will never have to deal with a mass casualty incident (MCI). Does that mean that they shouldn't be trained to respond?

The procedures used in day-to-day emergency situations are not designed for dealing with the volume of patients that may be encountered during an MCI. STEP UP to Mass Casualty Incidents gives EMS providers the tools they need to effectively respond to an MCI.

STEP UP was developed in conjunction with the New England Council for EMS to educate EMS providers in the care and handling of patients at an MCI. In fact, all six New England states have used this program successfully for over 23 years.

## **STEP UP** to Mass Casualty Incidents This 3-volume CD set includes:

### **Module 1** **Transition From Day-to-Day EMS to Horizontal Triage at an MCI**

The standard triage method used in day-to-day emergency situations was designed to provide care for no more than a few patients at the scene. When the number of patients exceeds what can be handled by available resources, the horizontal triage has proven to be a more effective method for rendering care. Appropriate uses and benefits of each triage approach are discussed in this module.

### **Module 2** **Four Levels of Triage at an MCI**

Since the number of first responders initially available to an MCI is limited, a system to quickly assess the medical needs of all patients is necessary in order to prioritize care. The horizontal triage model addresses the use of four levels of triage to assess and classify patient conditions for treatment and transportation to a hospital. The four levels of triage are discussed and compared in this module.

### **Module 3** **EMS in the Incident Command System**

Optimal patient care and safety of personnel is priority one at the scene of an MCI. To be successful, organization needs to be established to manage all facets of the emergency operation. This is accomplished through the Incident Command System (ICS), which provides the conduit for all rescue personnel to function efficiently during an MCI. An overview of how STEP UP has been fully integrated into the ICS is discussed in this module.

### **Laying the Foundation for All MCI Training**

An MCI is any situation where the number of patients exceeds what available resources can handle. Situations can range from airplane crashes to chemical spills. However, the events of 9/11 introduced us to the ultimate MCI — domestic terrorism and the potential threat to homeland security.

The STEP UP program was designed to provide the knowledge and skills needed for delivering optimal patient care during an MCI. It also serves as a strong foundation on which to integrate additional training programs specific to responding to domestic terrorism, such as weapons of mass destruction, biochemical attacks, and other environmental threats.

The STEP UP program provides versatility for learning. The material can be delivered through self-study, or incorporated into existing classroom curriculums. Sample documents such as EMS officer job action sheets, responsibility checklists, triage diagrams, and MCI supplies checklists, are also included for training and coordination at an MCI scene.

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