

# Emergency Medical Unit Functions

The principle functions of an EMU are to:

- (a) TRIAGE casualties.
- (b) Provide initial treatment for major and minor conditions.
- (c) Continue treatment as required giving consideration to the possibility of extended involvement due to disrupted hospital and other specialist services.
- (d) Provide palliative treatment for unsalvagable cases.
- (e) Act as an intermediary between casualties and hospitals to ensure specialist staff and facilities are used to the best advantage. The EMU is the first entry point of the HBDHB evacuation chain.

# Treatment Area Teams

## Major Injury Resuscitation Team:

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|-----|-------------|----------------------------------|
| (a) | Doctor      | Independent Medical Practitioner |
| (b) | Nurse       | Practice Nurse                   |
| (c) | First Aider | The Order of St John             |

## Minor Treatment Team:

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|-----|-----------------------|----------------------|
| (a) | Nurse                 | Practice Nurse       |
| (b) | First Aider           | The Order of St John |
| (c) | Non Medical Assistant | Public Assistance    |

## Casualty Holding Area Team:

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| (a) | Doctor                          | Independent Medical Practitioner                        |
| (b) | Up to 20 nurses                 | Practice Nurses<br>Public and District Nursing Services |
| (c) | Up to 20 First Aiders           | The Order of St. John                                   |
| (d) | Orderlies as required           | Public Assistance                                       |
|     | Ward Orderlies for the NFR Area | Public Assistance                                       |
|     | Mortuary Attendants             | NZ Police   |