

## Mass Antibiotic Dispensing: A Primer

SNS = Strategic  
National Stockpile

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What the SNS program  
does in the event of a  
deployment

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Key factors used in  
determining the points  
of dispensing PODs

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Critical POD planning  
considerations that  
impact SNS planning

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Three ways a public  
information and  
communications  
campaign impacts  
SNS planning

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Course Overview  
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## SNS Response 12-hour Push Package

- 100 different product lines
- Delivered in 12 hours or less

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## SNS Response

VMI =  
Vendor Managed Inventory

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## SNS Response

TARU =  
Technical Advisory  
Response Unit

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## Goals of Mass Dispensing

- Set up POD operations quickly - "pills in people"

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- Provide health information

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## Agenda

- Planning considerations

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## Planning Considerations

- Policy uniformity of dispensing
  - work under the same guidelines

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## Planning Considerations

- Hours of operation

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## Planning Considerations

- Who can dispense?
- Will laws be waived under a state of emergency?

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## Planning Considerations

- County/state/federal declaration: different terminology
- Public health/disaster declaration: different terminology

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## Planning Considerations

- One prescribing physician

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## Planning Considerations Reaching the People

Push/pull theory

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## Planning Considerations Reaching the People

“Worried well”

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## Planning Considerations

- Volunteers

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## American Red Cross:

- Plan for dealing with volunteers on all skill levels



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## Types of Volunteers

- Recruited and trained
- Spontaneous

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## Volunteers

- Which jobs?
- What are the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed?
- How to match the qualities and jobs?
- How will training be done?

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## Segmented Operations

- Public gathers centrally
- Screened
- Triage
- Educated
- Transported

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## Benefits of Segmented Operations

- Reduced parking/traffic
- Improving security
- Decrease “worried well”
- Regulate the initial flow into POD
- Balance public flow to all sites

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## Non-segmented Operations

- All activities in one location

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## POD Site Characteristics

- Electricity
- HVAC
- Toilets
- Private receiving area
- Material handling equipment
- Adequate parking
- Water

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## Suspect BT Event

- Start notification protocols
- Start dispensing operations

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## Start-up Phases of a Dispensing Program

- Phase one-notify/recall staff

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## Start-up Phases of a Dispensing Program

- Phase two-prophylaxis of staff and critical infrastructure

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## Start-up Phases of a Dispensing Program

- Phase three - set up PODs

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## Start-up Phases of a Dispensing Program

- Phase four - notification to public of POD openings

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## Anthrax

- First illnesses at 24 hours
- 2 - 4 days for mass prophylaxis

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## Metroville Anthrax Event

- 3.5 million
- 500 thousand use subway
- Anthrax in 7 subway lines

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## Security Roles

- Asset protection
- Staff protection
- Traffic/parking management
- Maintain civil order

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## 3 POD Patient Groups

- “No complications” – healthy
- “Complicated” – pre-existing illnesses/allergies
- “Acute” – life-threatening illnesses

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## Healthy Patient Goals

“No complications” –  
quick antibiotics

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## Healthy Patient Goals

“Complicated” –  
Assess medical condition,  
get correct antibiotics quickly

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## Healthy Patient Goals

“Acute” –  
Transport

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## Secondary POD Goals

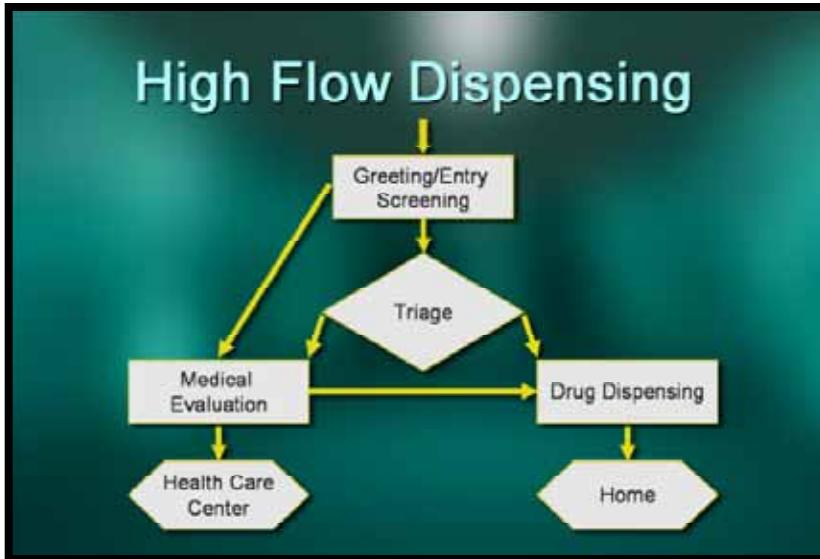
- Crisis counseling/mental health intervention
- Record-keeping

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BERM = Bioterrorism and  
Epidemic Outbreak  
Response Model

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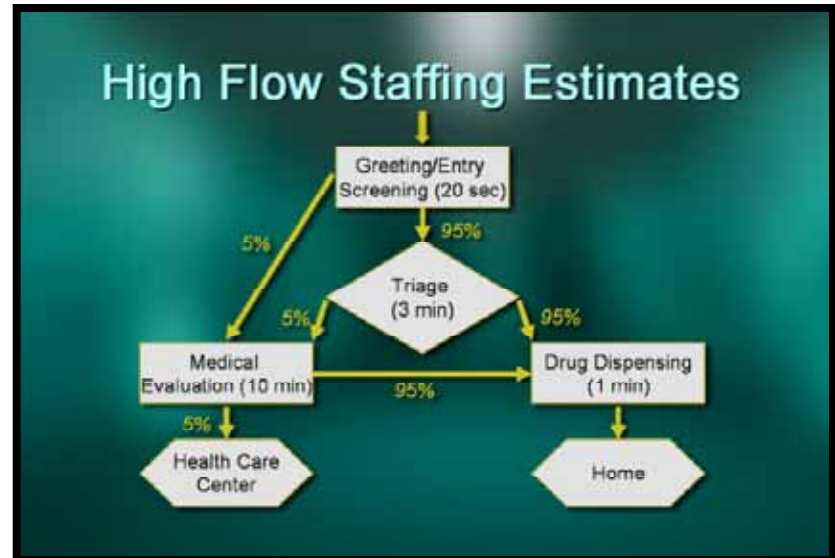


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## Patients Per Hour (PPH) = 500

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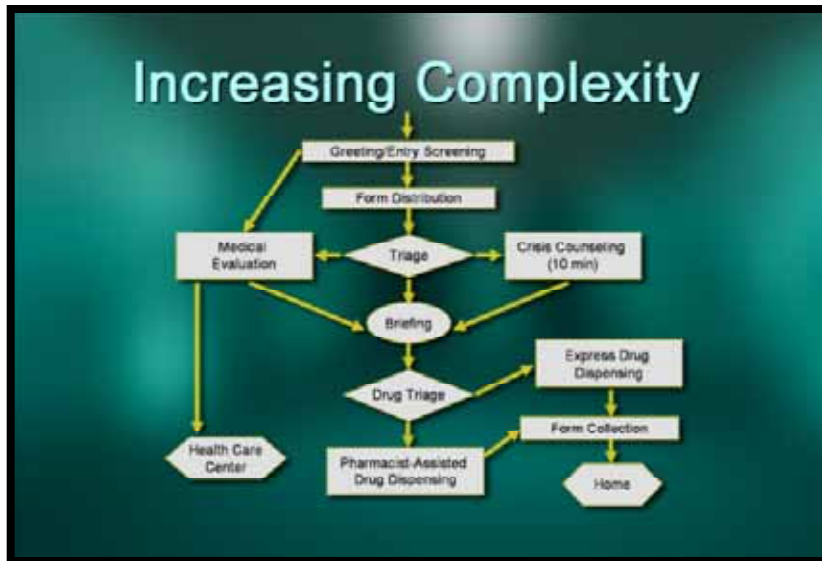
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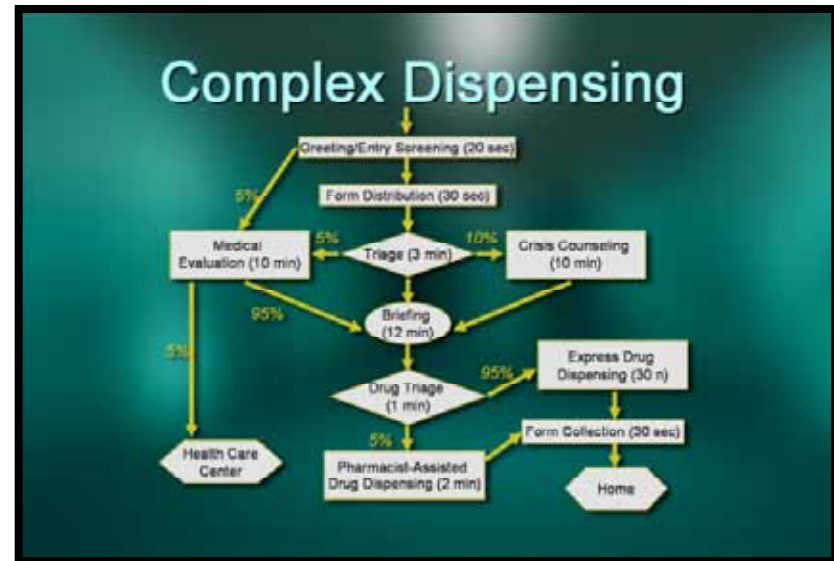
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### Elements of POD Design

- Create “express lanes”

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## Elements of POD Design

- Create “express lanes”
- Avoid bottlenecks

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## Bottleneck Causes

- Too many patients in the POD
- Too many patients at a station
- Too few staff
- Too many things to do per patient

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NIMS = National Incident  
Management System

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Incorporate special needs  
patients and groups into  
your POD flow plan

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### Public Information and Communications Plan

- Inform
- Mobilize
- Educate

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### Public Information and Communications Plan

- Special channels for health care providers, emergency responders, community leaders

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### Handout Information

- Agent/threat
- Location of PODs
- Medications
- Dangers of over-medicating
- Medication compliance

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## Public Information

- BT agent used
- POD information  
(wait to release locations & opening)

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## Line Management

### Kiosks



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## Line Management

- Signage
- “Floaters”

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## Media Contact

- Respond quickly
- Be sincere, honest,  
& accurate

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## Media Kit

- BT agent information
- Symptoms of disease
- Prophylactic drugs
- Communications plan
- Contact info for public information officer

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## Information Channels

- Newspaper
- Radio
- TV
- Websites
- Hotlines
- Community sources

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## Types of Media Contact

- Phone call
- Press conference
- Electronic press release

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## Patient Medication Material

- Description
- Instructions for use
- Possible side effects
- Medication compliance

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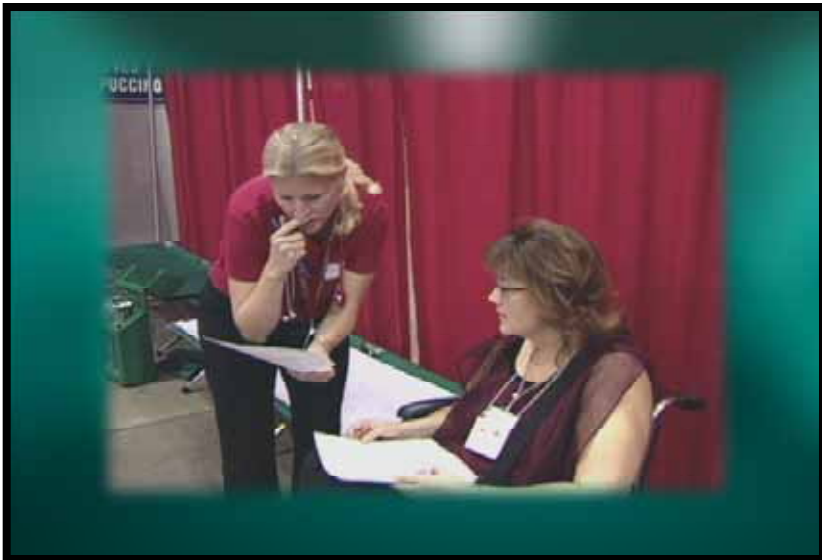
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software**  
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gov/research/biomodel.htm](http://www.ahrq.gov/research/biomodel.htm)

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[www.citizencorps.gov](http://www.citizencorps.gov)  
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PHTN Website

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