



# Natural Disasters and Health

**DAC Specialists** – The Disaster Assessment Coordinators or DAC Specialists oversee the flow of patients, transportation, treatment, and disaster conditions during the mission. You also provide public health reports about the disaster and any other concerns. DAC Specialists compile a Wall Chart summarizing the injuries and treatment for each patient. Your team is responsible for coordinating the care of all the injured individuals.

To work efficiently, complete the following:

- Click on Alerts (located to your right) This will provide you with vital information regarding your disaster – choose to forward to TR and/or ER.
- DACNET provides updated information regarding your specific emergency- from local emergency officials. This may be helpful to both Triage team and ER teams and in writing PHRs. Be sure to pass along when necessary.
- PHR stand for Public Health Reports– You will provide three PHRs during your mission. Be sure to include detailed disaster information, number of patients, patient conditions, injuries, hazards, and recommendations.
- You are responsible for the PATIENT WALL CHART.
  - Patients Tab provides you with a list of patients in your area.
  - Summarize the patient information on the Wall chart as-information becomes available. Start with patients who were previously treated and are now admitted to hospital or discharged- they have complete TR and ER records.
- On the bottom left side of your screen is a section labeled Transportation. As patients are finished at triage, you will be responsible for transporting these patients to the ER.
  - You will have to prioritize patients based on the color system of triage to determine the means of transportation.
    - Red- immediate and may require a helicopter transportation
    - Yellow tagged patients can be transported by ambulance or helicopter depending on which is available and required.
    - Green is non-life-threatening and can utilize the ambulance service.
    - Based on your review of patient symptoms you may decide a patient requires faster or slower transportation – remember there is only one helicopter.
- Your role is critical to the mission for patient tracking, transportation and Public Health Alerts.