





# LOYOLA MEDICINE

*We also treat the human spirit.®*

<b>Emergency Description: Nursing Student Mass Casualty Plan</b>	
<b>Date Implemented: February 28, 2008</b>	<b>Date Revised:</b>
	<b>Medical Center Emergency Management Approval:</b> 
<b>Dean Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing Committee</b>	<b>Chair, Emergency Management</b>
<b>Associate Dean Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing</b>	

## I. Purpose

The purpose of the nursing student mass casualty disaster plan is to coordinate the mobilization of nursing student's support consistent with the hospital mass casualty disaster plan in a Code Triage. There are multiple students on the medical center campus at any given time, thus providing a significant manpower resource in the event of a catastrophic event. Participation in the Loyola University Health System (LUHS) All Hazard Mass Casualty Disaster Plan participation by nursing students during an event is **voluntary**.

## II. Situation and Assumptions

### CODE TRIAGE – STANDBY:

Response to a potential mass casualty disaster by assuming a state of readiness with initiation of preliminary notifications and preparations.

### CODE TRIAGE – STAGE I:

Response to an incident with a limited number of casualties that can be cared for in the Emergency Department with the assistance of supplemental staff and supplies

### CODE TRIAGE – STAGE II:

Response to an incident requiring mobilization of resources to care for victims in Auxiliary locations when they cannot be accommodated in the Emergency Department due to the volume of patients

### III. Concepts of Operations

#### A. Activation

The Administrator On-Call and/or Nursing Supervisor will authorize implementation of the disaster plan and specify response Code Triage - Stage I or II after consultation with the Attending Emergency Physician On-Duty and/or Nurse Manager/designee.

#### B. Notification

1. At the request of the Command Post, the Dean, Associate Dean of the Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing or designate will be paged by the Call Connection Center.
2. A list of nursing students with pager and/or home phone numbers will be maintained by the Dean and the Associate Dean of the Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing.
3. All nursing students at LUMC will be notified by classroom announcement or by their assigned preceptor.
4. The Dean/designee will determine the information to be provided to students. Specific information may include:
  - a. Stage of Mass Casualty Plan activation
  - b. Disaster event details
    - i. Drill scenario or actual event
    - ii. Nature of victim injury and/or illness
    - iii. Potential of contamination with hazardous material
    - iv. Anticipated volume of casualties
  - c. Level of response required
    - i. Maintain availability
    - ii. Report to assembly site as soon as possible
    - iii. Report to assembly site at scheduled time

#### C. Staging Area

1. All nursing students will report to the labor pool located in the back of the hospital cafeteria.
2. All nursing students and their assigned preceptors who are currently on an inpatient clinical service at Loyola University Medical center can be assigned as dictated by the incident need and not to exceed their scope of practice.
3. When assembled the Dean/Designee will call the Incident command post for assignments.

#### D. Staff Identification

An armband must be worn to identify the position of all healthcare providers treating patients in a disaster situation. In addition personal identification badges must be worn at all times.

#### E. Staff Assignments & Alternative Roles

1. Graduate nursing students may assist with patient care as assigned by the Command Post/HICS.
2. Graduate nursing students may be requested to assist in any area of the hospital.
3. All Undergraduate nursing students may be requested to assist Loyola University Health System (LUHS) staff as needed and directed through the Command Post/Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) in areas including, but not restricted to:
  - A. Basic Assessments and patient monitoring
  - b. Cafeteria/ food service assistance
  - c. Child care

- d. Communication – paging and phone calls
- e. Family support
- f. Housekeeping tasks
- g. Runners –  
Reports, communications, specimens, supplies, pharmaceuticals
- h. Security assistance
- g. Transport – patients, carts, wheelchairs

#### **IV. Liability**

The Loyola University Chicago Insurance Company (LUCIC) malpractice policy will cover nursing students acting within the scope of this policy and under the supervision of Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing. Excluding Emergency Department care for a premises accident, illness or injuries to student will be covered by their personal medical insurance and not by Workers Compensation. Debriefing and diffusion of students will be at the discretion of the incident commander and the Niehoff School of Nursing.

#### **V. Plan Development and Maintenance**

The Nursing Student Mass Casualty Departmental Plan is developed and approved by the Emergency Management Committee and the Administrative Team of the Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing. It should be revised on a yearly basis.