

History of North Texas Mass Critical Care

In 2010, a regional collaboration of leaders, including physicians, hospital representatives, ethicists, clergy, legal professionals, public health experts, and elected officials, came together as the North Texas Mass Critical Care Task Force with the goal of creating a set of clinical guidelines for use by physicians, hospitals, first responders, and other healthcare professionals during an overwhelming disaster. The charge of the North Texas Mass Critical Care Task Force was to facilitate the creation of a community wide triage framework for guiding medical decisions during county-wide public health emergencies.

The task force continues to meet periodically to update the guidelines and to receive reports on their implementation among area healthcare systems.

Historical Background Materials - the following are links to PDF documents, some of which are rather large. The document size is included below. You must have Adobe Reader to access these documents. If you do not have Adobe Reader, [click here](#) for the free download.

- IOM (Institute of Medicine) [Standards of Care Letter Report](#) NAS 1009 FINAL (161 pages – 1.63 MB)
- IOM (Institute of Medicine) [Standards of Care Report](#) (4 pages – 316 KB)
- [DSHS Mass Vaccination Plan](#) (28 pages – 523 KB)
- [Houston-Harris County Framework](#) April 2009 (18 pages – 1.5 MB)
- [Minnesota Ethics Project](#) (96 pages – 2.61 MB)
- [CHEST – 2008 Critical Care Framework](#) (American College of Chest Phys – 16 pages – 440 KB)
- [Utah Pandemic Influenza Hospital and ICU Triage Guidelines for Pediatrics](#) (Prepared by Utah Hospitals and Health Systems Assoc for the Utah Dept. of Health – 8 pages – 198 KB)
- [Utah Pandemic Influenza Hospital and ICU Triage Guidelines for ADULTS](#) (Prepared by Utah Hospitals and Health Systems Assoc for the Utah Dept of Health – 8 pages – 300 KB)

Additional Reading Materials

- [In Case of Emergency](#) - The North Texas Mass Critical Care Task Force Presents Guidelines for Resource Management During Medical Emergencies (Published in DMJ, Jan 2014 – 2 pages – 145 KB)
- [Disaster Preparedness Citations, Community](#) (14 pages – 268 KB)
- Hodge JAMA [Public Health Emergency Legal Standards of Care](#) (3 page – 112 KB)
- [NY Ventilator Allocation Draft](#) (52 pages – 245 KB)
- [The JumpSTART© Tool For Pediatric MCI Triage](#) (3 pages - 114 KB)

Local Institutional Policies

- [Baylor Health Care System](#) Emergency/Pandemic Protocol for Intensive Care Services (EPICS) (23 pages – 199 KB)
- [Harris Methodist Hospital](#) Guidelines for Management of Emerging and Pandemic Respiratory Illness FINAL 2013 (45 pages - 460 KB)

Crisis Standards of Care Guidance 2014 Presentations and Letters of Support

- Crisis Standards of Care [Presentation](#) - 2014
- [Summary Description](#) - Jan. 2014
- State [Support Letter](#) - September 2013
- NTMCC Task Force [FAQs](#)