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1. What is the primary purpose of establishing a Casualty Collection Point (CCP) during a tactical operation?

- A. To establish a permanent field hospital
- B. To serve as a command post for tactical leaders
- C. To store medical supplies for future operations
- D. To provide a central location for treatment and evacuation prioritization

2. During pre-mission planning, which of the following is MOST important to identify regarding medical evacuation?

- A. Exact number of potential casualties
- B. Political implications of the operation
- C. Primary and alternate evacuation routes
- D. Number of helicopters available for medical evacuation

3. When conducting an environmental threat assessment for a tactical operation, which factor has the LEAST impact on medical planning?

- A. Terrain and elevation changes
- B. Air pollution levels
- C. Extreme temperatures (hot or cold)
- D. Precipitation (rain, snow)

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4. Which of the following best represents the Incident Command System (ICS) principle of 'unity of command'?

- A. Each person reports to only one designated supervisor
- B. All agencies operate under a single commander regardless of jurisdiction
- C. Common terminology is used across all responding agencies
- D. Resources are deployed based on strategic priorities



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5. What legal consideration is MOST important when treating and documenting care for a suspect who is later taken into custody?

- A. Obtaining signed consent for treatment
- B. Providing only the minimum care necessary
- C. Recording the suspect's statements about the incident
- D. Maintaining chain of custody for evidence

6. When selecting personal protective equipment (PPE) for a tactical operation involving potential chemical exposure, which factor is MOST critical?

- A. The duration of the operation
- B. The cost of the equipment
- C. The specific hazard type and concentration
- D. The comfort level of the equipment

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7. During post-mission planning, which activity is MOST important for improving future tactical medical operations?

- A. Media communications preparation
- B. Conducting a formal after-action review
- C. Immediate equipment replacement
- D. Personnel rotation planning

8. In the context of tactical planning, what is the primary purpose of a medical threat assessment?

- A. To identify potential health hazards specific to the mission environment and population
- B. To determine the exact number of medical personnel needed
- C. To establish medical triage protocols
- D. To predict casualty numbers with statistical accuracy

9. When setting up a Casualty Collection Point in a tactical environment, which location factor is MOST important?

- A. Proximity to command post
- B. Line of sight to the operation area
- C. Cellular communication coverage
- D. Protection from ongoing threats



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10. Which of the following is NOT typically included in pre-mission medical planning?

- A. Assessment of available medical resources
- B. Identification of nearest trauma centers
- C. Determining specific treatment protocols for each individual team member
- D. Medical intelligence gathering about the area of operation

11. When planning for operations in extreme heat, which preventive measure is MOST effective in reducing heat-related casualties?

- A. Requiring IV hydration before all operations
- B. Establishing appropriate work/rest cycles based on temperature and humidity
- C. Issuing salt tablets to all personnel
- D. Conducting operations only during nighttime

12. In tactical planning, what is the primary purpose of designating warm, hot, and cold zones?

- A. To establish operational boundaries based on threat levels
- B. To designate areas based on temperature variations
- C. To identify locations for different command elements
- D. To establish perimeters for media access

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13. Which factor is MOST important to consider when planning medical support for an operation involving potential explosive devices?

- A. Age of the explosive devices
- B. Manufacturer of the devices
- C. Color coding of device components
- D. Blast radius of potential devices

14. What is the correct sequence for medical planning in a tactical operation?

- A. Plan development, threat assessment, resource identification, implementation, team briefing
- B. Resource identification, team briefing, threat assessment, plan development, implementation
- C. Threat assessment, resource identification, plan development, team briefing, implementation
- D. Team briefing, threat assessment, resource identification, plan development, implementation



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15. Which legal consideration is MOST important when documenting care provided during a tactical operation?

- A. Using only approved medical abbreviations
- B. Accurate documentation of all interventions and observations
- C. Obtaining signatures from all team members
- D. Recording only successful interventions

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16. When planning for operations in a cold environment, which factor MOST significantly impacts medical planning?

- A. Wind chill factor
- B. Snowfall predictions
- C. Ice thickness on water bodies
- D. Solar radiation levels

17. In the context of patient privacy during tactical operations, which of the following is MOST accurate?

- A. HIPAA does not apply in any tactical setting
- B. All medical information can be freely shared among all team members
- C. Patient privacy laws are completely suspended during tactical operations
- D. Protected health information must be safeguarded, but operational security needs may necessitate limited sharing within the team

18. When monitoring protective equipment during an extended operation, what is the MOST important consideration?

- A. Visual appearance of the equipment
- B. Manufacturer's warranty status
- C. Regular assessment of equipment integrity and effectiveness
- D. Comfort level reported by users

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19. Which consideration is MOST important when determining the location of medical assets during on-objective planning?

- A. Visibility to the public
- B. Expected casualty flow pattern
- C. Convenience for medical personnel
- D. Proximity to command vehicles

20. When conducting a hazardous materials assessment for tactical planning, which information is MOST critical to obtain?

- A. Specific chemical or material identification
- B. The manufacturer of the hazardous material
- C. The age of the material containers
- D. The color of warning placards

21. What is the primary consideration when performing a high-threat extraction of a casualty?

- A. Establishing an IV line
- B. Documenting all injuries
- C. Obtaining a full set of vital signs
- D. Threat mitigation

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22. During a tactical operation, which communication technique is most appropriate when directing team members through an area with potential adversaries?

- A. Verbal commands
- B. Whistle blasts
- C. Hand signals
- D. Radio communication

23. What is the most effective method for managing stress among tactical team members during a high-risk operation?

- A. Continuous verbal encouragement
- B. Tactical breathing techniques
- C. Debriefing after each movement
- D. Rotating team leaders frequently



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24. Which of the following is the most appropriate initial action when a team member is injured by a flash-bang grenade during a tactical entry?

- A. Continue securing the objective
- B. Immediately begin treating the injury
- C. Call for emergency evacuation
- D. Abort the mission

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25. When conducting remote medical assessment of a casualty in a tactical environment, what should be prioritized?

- A. Detailed documentation of all injuries
- B. Establishing communication with medical control
- C. Obtaining a complete medical history
- D. Identification of life-threatening conditions

26. What is the primary purpose of rescue breaching in a tactical operation?

- A. To draw out potential threats
- B. To minimize property damage
- C. To create rapid access to casualties
- D. To establish an extraction route

27. Which of the following is a key component of surrogate treatment in a tactical environment?

- A. Providing care to family members of the primary patient
- B. Directing a non-medical team member to perform life-saving interventions
- C. Using robotic devices to deliver medical supplies
- D. Treating simulated patients during training

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28. What is the most appropriate way to manage an injured tactical canine during an operation?

- A. Have the handler provide initial care with medical direction
- B. Immediately evacuate regardless of mission status
- C. Sedate the canine before any assessment
- D. Treat exactly as you would a human casualty



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29. When a tactical team member is struck in the face with OC spray, what is the most appropriate immediate action in a hostile environment?

- A. Immediately flush with water
- B. Apply a neutralizing solution
- C. Remove contact lenses if present
- D. Move the affected member to cover

30. Which movement technique is most appropriate when extracting a casualty under direct fire?

- A. Two-person carry
- B. Fireman's carry
- C. Low crawl
- D. High crawl



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1. D — To provide a central location for treatment and evacuation prioritization

A Casualty Collection Point serves as a designated location for gathering casualties during tactical operations, providing a central location for treatment and evacuation prioritization while facilitating resource management.

2. C — Primary and alternate evacuation routes

Primary and alternate evacuation routes are critical to identify during pre-mission planning to ensure casualties can be evacuated efficiently, even if the primary route becomes compromised.

3. B — Air pollution levels

While all listed factors are important, air pollution levels typically have the least immediate impact on tactical medical planning compared to extreme temperatures, precipitation, and terrain, which directly affect medical operations and casualty management.

4. A — Each person reports to only one designated supervisor

Unity of command means each person reports to only one designated supervisor, which reduces confusion and establishes clear accountability during tactical operations.

5. D — Maintaining chain of custody for evidence

Maintaining chain of custody for evidence is crucial when treating suspects who may later face legal proceedings. This ensures that any evidence collected during medical care remains admissible in court.

6. C — The specific hazard type and concentration

The specific hazard type and concentration determine the appropriate level of protection needed. Without this information, responders cannot select PPE that provides adequate protection for the situation.

7. B — Conducting a formal after-action review

Conducting a formal after-action review allows the team to identify what worked well and what needs improvement, facilitating learning and enhancing future operations.

8. A — To identify potential health hazards specific to the mission environment and population

A medical threat assessment identifies potential health hazards specific to the mission environment and population to anticipate medical needs and develop appropriate contingency plans.

9. D — Protection from ongoing threats

Protection from ongoing threats is the most critical factor when establishing a CCP to prevent additional casualties and allow effective treatment of existing casualties.

10. C — Determining specific treatment protocols for each individual team member

Determining specific treatment protocols for each individual team member is not typically part of pre-mission planning as standard protocols are established for categories of injuries rather than for specific individuals.

11. B — Establishing appropriate work/rest cycles based on temperature and humidity

Establishing appropriate work/rest cycles based on temperature and humidity is the most effective way to



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prevent heat-related casualties by allowing proper recovery and preventing cumulative heat stress.

12. A — To establish operational boundaries based on threat levels

Designating warm, hot, and cold zones establishes operational boundaries based on threat levels, helping to manage risk and determine appropriate protective measures for each area.

13. D — Blast radius of potential devices

The blast radius of potential devices is the most important factor to consider as it directly affects casualty patterns, evacuation routes, and safe treatment areas.

14. C — Threat assessment, resource identification, plan development, team briefing, implementation

The correct sequence follows logical progression: assess threats and resources, develop a medical plan with contingencies, brief the team, then implement and adjust as needed during the operation.

15. B — Accurate documentation of all interventions and observations

Accurate documentation of all interventions and observations is crucial for legal proceedings, continuity of care, and after-action reviews.

16. A — Wind chill factor

Wind chill factor is the most significant impact on cold weather operations because it dramatically increases the rate of heat loss from the body, significantly affecting the risk of cold injuries even when ambient temperatures seem moderate.

17. D — Protected health information must be safeguarded, but operational security needs may necessitate limited sharing within the team

While HIPAA still applies to protected health information, operational security needs may necessitate certain medical information being shared within the tactical team to ensure mission success and safety.

18. C — Regular assessment of equipment integrity and effectiveness

Regular assessment of equipment integrity and effectiveness is most important because protective equipment can degrade or become compromised during extended operations, potentially exposing personnel to hazards.

19. B — Expected casualty flow pattern

The expected casualty flow pattern is most important when positioning medical assets because it ensures resources are positioned where they will be most needed, improving response times and patient outcomes.

20. A — Specific chemical or material identification

The specific chemical or material identification is most critical because it determines the required PPE, decontamination procedures, antidotes, and medical treatments needed for potential exposures.

21. D — Threat mitigation

In high-threat extractions, the primary consideration is threat mitigation. Without controlling or mitigating the threat, rescuers put themselves at risk of becoming casualties and compromising the entire operation.

22. C — Hand signals

Hand signals are the preferred communication method in areas with potential adversaries because they maintain operational security by eliminating noise that could reveal the team's position.

23. B — Tactical breathing techniques

Tactical breathing is a proven technique for managing acute stress in high-risk operations. It helps control



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physiological responses to stress, improves decision-making capability, and enhances fine motor skills needed for tactical operations.

24. A — Continue securing the objective

The most appropriate initial action is to continue securing the objective. In tactical operations, completing the mission and securing the area takes priority to prevent further casualties and ensure the safety of the entire team.

25. D — Identification of life-threatening conditions

In remote medical assessment during tactical operations, identification of life-threatening conditions must be prioritized so that limited resources can be directed toward interventions that will have the greatest impact on survival.

26. C — To create rapid access to casualties

The primary purpose of rescue breaching is to create rapid access to casualties who are otherwise inaccessible due to physical barriers, allowing timely medical intervention for potentially life-threatening injuries.

27. B — Directing a non-medical team member to perform life-saving interventions

Directing a non-medical team member to perform life-saving interventions is a key component of surrogate treatment, allowing medical care to be provided when the tactical medic cannot directly access the casualty.

28. A — Have the handler provide initial care with medical direction

The handler should provide initial care with medical direction. Tactical canines are most responsive to their handlers, who are trained in basic canine first aid, while the tactical medic can provide guidance on medical interventions.

29. D — Move the affected member to cover

The most appropriate immediate action is to move the affected member to cover. In a hostile environment, protecting the incapacitated team member from threats takes priority before decontamination can safely occur.

30. C — Low crawl

The low crawl technique provides the smallest silhouette and maximum protection from direct fire while allowing for casualty movement, making it the most appropriate technique when under direct fire.



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