

International Medical/Surgical Response Teams

Description: International Medical/Surgical Response Teams (IMSuRT) are intended to be deployed at the request of the Department of State to treat United States (U.S.) citizens injured as a result of terrorism. A typical team configuration would consist of 50 members with flexible and mobile equipment, supplies, and pharmaceuticals. The primary OCONUS mission is to stabilize and prepare victims for medical evacuation back to the U.S.

Accessing the Capability: The State, Local, Tribal, or Territorial (SLTT) point of contact to coordinate a request for IMSuRT support assessments are the ASPR Regional Emergency Coordinators (REC). They will assist the requestor in articulating the requirement and identifying the number and type of DMAT team(s) needed for the response. Contact information for RECs is at: <http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/responders/rec/Pages/contacts.aspx>.

IMSuRTs as with all NDMS assets are officially requested by states' department of health through their states' emergency management agency, which fills out the FEMA Resources Request Form (RRF) and submits the RRF to FEMA for approval. Once FEMA approves the RRF, FEMA will generate a mission assignment to HHS for activation and deployment of an IMSuRT.

Average Time to Respond: 12-18 hours.

Past Customers or Events when capability was deployed: Haiti Earthquake 2010

Contact Agency or Subject Matter Expert: Details of a request should be worked in close coordination with your HHS Regional Emergency Coordinator. . If you have further questions or inquiries please contact the Program Support Branch of NDMS at NDMSHelpdesk@hhs.gov.

Additional Information:

Within the U.S., they can supplement or temporarily replace surgical capability when a need arises. Each team is self-sustaining for 72 hours and has the following medical specialties represented in the team: trauma surgeons, general surgeons, physician's assistants, registered nurses, trauma nurses, anesthesiologists, EMT-paramedics and logistics specialists.

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