

HEPP Project Fact Sheet

MASS FATALITY MANAGEMENT (MFM)

QUICK FACTS

Deliverables 2008-2009

- Finalize written Hospital Mass Fatality Management Plan - includes senior management approval
- Complete survey indicating if hospital will be using Body Collection Points for decedent management in a mass fatality event

Training 2007-2008

- Mass Fatality Management Training provided by the City of New York Office of Chief Medical Examiner (OCME)

of NYC hospitals that sent staff to MFM training at the OCME

65/66 (99%)

of Healthcare workers trained

544

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Project Goal

- Prepare a City-wide response strategy to manage in- and out- of hospital decedents during a Pandemic Influenza (PI) event.

Project Objectives

- Develop a Citywide MFM PI Surge Plan.
- Train healthcare facility personnel on hospital's roles and responsibilities should a mass fatality event occur.
- Describe the OCME's Body Collection Point (BCP) strategy to manage decedent surge.
- Finalize hospital-specific written MFM Plans.

Accomplishments

- Developed the Citywide Mass Fatality Management PI Surge Plan.
- Developed 78 PI MFM area command job action sheets for OCME leadership positions.
- Provided **training** on the PI Surge Plan to Manage In-hospital Deaths to City healthcare workers.
 - **544 healthcare workers attended training in 2007-2008** from **65/66 (99%) NYC hospitals** invited to participate.
- All hospitals received a *PI MFM Planning Tool and Guidance*, which included: PI MFM-related job action sheets, a sample decedent manifest, and MFM ad-hoc structure specification sheets.
- **100% (66/66) hospitals completed the MFM PI Event Plan Survey**, indicating whether or not the hospital will be participating in the OCME body collection point (BCP) strategy to manage decedent surge.

Future Activities

2009

- Hospitals will be required to submit a finalized MFM Plan that includes all HEPP required components, which are based on ASPR benchmarks. A Plan must be approved and signed by senior hospital administrators to be considered finalized.
- Development of an All-Hazard NYC OCME MFM Guidelines Document.
- Development of an All-Hazard MFM Guideline Incident Command JAS template.
- OCME Senior Leadership and OCME Personnel MFM Training Course.
- Facilitated Discussion Course for OCME Senior Leaders.
- After Action Report based on OCME training courses and Senior Leadership facilitated discussion.
- OCME MFM Training for NYC Funeral Directors.