

FEDERAL MEDICAL RESOURCES

1. **NDMS (National Disaster Medical System)** - A nationwide medical, mutual aid network between the federal and the non-federal sectors that includes medical response, patient evacuation, and definitive medical care. It is a partnership between Health and Human Services, the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, Federal Emergency Management Agency and specific non-federal sources such as major pharmaceutical suppliers, hospital supply vendors, the National Foundation for Mortuary Care, certain international disaster response organizations and international health organizations.
 - a. **DMAT (Disaster Medical Assistance Team)** - DMATS are teams of approximately 35 civilian medical and medical support personnel, trained to provide triage, care and evacuation in response to natural and manmade disasters. These teams are designed to deploy to disaster sites with sufficient equipment and supplies to provide independent field (primary) care for 72 hours, or to augment primary care services in an existing hospital in the disaster area. The DMAT personnel are available within 8-12 hours of activation, but a fully equipped field hospital for 250 patients takes 3-7 days to set up.
 - b. **DMORTS (Disaster Mortuary Teams)** - DMORTS are comprised of medical examiners, coroners, pathologists, and other forensic specialists, who are deployed along with a complete morgue to provide the necessary technical assistance and personnel to recover, identify and process deceased victims. There are 10 teams distributed nationwide. One of these is specifically trained to handle contaminated remains, but all teams have members with this expertise. This resource may be requested by the Coroner through the East Baton Rouge Parish Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (MOHSEP). These teams can be on site and fully operational, anywhere in the country, generally with twenty-four hours of their activation.
 - c. **NMRT (National Medical Response Teams)** – There are four (4) NMRT's in the United States with three (3) deployable nationwide. These 50 person specialized DMAT units (including a 26 person standard deployment force) are trained and equipped to deploy to a hazardous materials environment within two (2) hours of activation. These teams not only provide medical services and pharmaceutical stocks, but also are fully capable of performing technical documentation.
 - d. **Patient Evacuation** – ESF #8 provides for the movement of seriously ill or injured patients from the area affected by a major disaster or emergency to locations where definitive medical care is available. NDMS patient movement

will primarily be accomplished utilizing fixed-wing aero medical evacuation resources of Department of Defense; however, other transportation modes may be used as circumstances warrant.

2. **NPS (National Pharmaceutical Stockpile)** – A national repository of antibiotics, chemical antidotes, antitoxins, life-support medications, IV administration and airway maintenance supplies, and medical/surgical items. The NPS program is designed to supplement and resupply state and local public health agencies in the event of a biological or chemical terrorism incident anywhere, at anytime within the U.S. or its territories.
3. Other Medical Resources from the Federal Government are designated in ESF #8 of the Federal Response Plan.