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Disaster Medical Operations – Part 2

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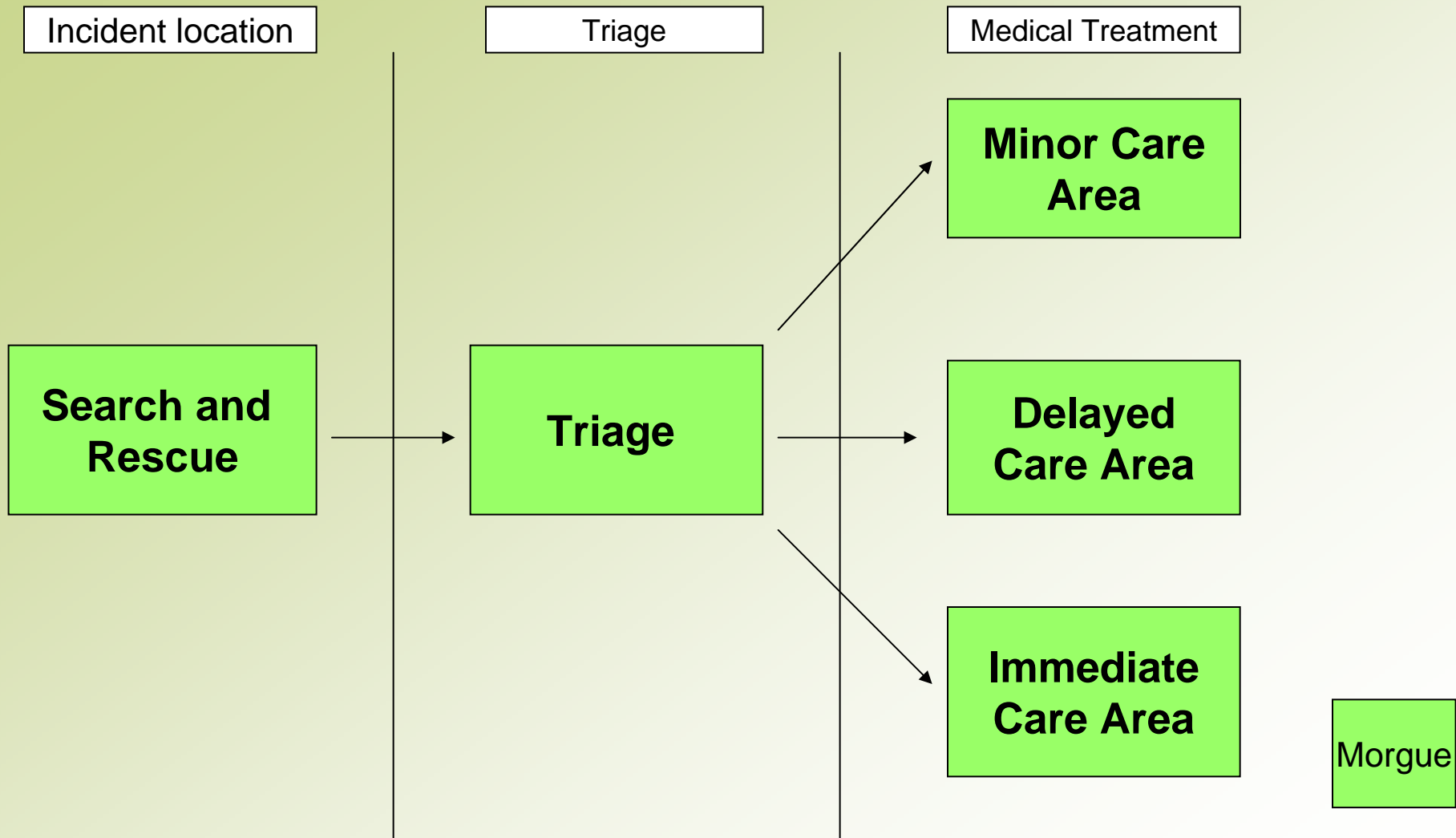
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Objectives

- ★ Learn how to conduct a victim assessment
- ★ Learn how to provide wound care
- ★ Demonstrate splint application
- ★ Discuss how to treat hypothermia and heat stroke/exhaustion
- ★ Identify safe methods for moving a victim

Flow of Victims



Establish Treatment Areas

The site selected should be:

- ★ In a safe area
- ★ Close to (but upwind and uphill) from the hazard
- ★ Accessible by transportation vehicles
- ★ Expandable

Documentation

★ Identifying information

- ★ Name, birth date
- ★ Description (sex, body build, height, weight, hair color, clothing, tattoos)
- ★ Injuries
- ★ Treatment

★ Transfer location

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Head-to-Toe Assessment

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Conducting Victim Assessment

- ★ A head-to-toe assessment:
 - ★ Determines the extent of injuries and treatment
 - ★ Determines the type of treatment needed
 - ★ Documents injuries

Indicators of Injury

- ★ Bruising
- ★ Swelling
- ★ Severe pain
- ★ Disfiguration



*Provide immediate treatment for
life-threatening injuries!*

Systematic Head-to-Toe Assessment

1. Head

2. Neck

3. Shoulders

4. Chest

5. Arms

6. Abdomen

7. Pelvis

8. Legs

9. Back



Questions