

EMERGENCY AID TEAM REGISTER FOR THE FSSA.

Discussions with UKMED have led to the agreement that there should be 2 avenues for surgeons to deploy to disaster areas.

- 1) Emergency Team surgeons wishing to work with rapid deployment teams.
- 2) Specialist Surgeons
 - a) Wishing to work with teams with whom they have existing relationships.
 - b) Prepared to work with specialist teams with whom they have no existing relationship when requested by those 'in country' teams.

It is agreed that ALL surgeons who wish to deploy MUST be trained appropriately for the environment they will find themselves in. Information is enclosed on how to access this training.

The database/register of (1) Emergency Surgeons is held with UKMed and the FSSA will be regularly updated by UKMed on who is registered with them.

The Register of Specialist surgeons, their emergency surgery qualifications, where and with whom they work will be collated by the FSSA, who will regularly update UKMed. To enable this, the SSAs will survey their members to set up their registers of surgeons and the teams with whom they work and the type of work they undertake.

Process

- 1) The training process to join **UK-Med's Emergency Team Deployment Register** has been updated by UK-Med. The steps are;
 - 1) Registration with UK-Med www.uk-med.org.
 - 2) Followed by selection for the UK International Emergency Trauma Register by completing;
 - a) a **five day Pre deployment Course** (safety security, humanitarian law and principles, the context in which Uk-Med teams work, the UN and NGO communities etc)
 - b) then the five day **Surgical Training for the Austere Environment (STAE)** at RCSEd.
 - c) The final course is a three day **Under Canvas Course** when candidates are put into their teams and deployed in a mock disaster.

2) For surgeons with established connections wanting to assist specialist teams, they must be;

- a) Be registered/authorised to practice medicine in country during the emergency.
- b) Invited in by the appropriate authorities and so must come through the WHO system, which will be linked to and working in support of the local government response.
- c) The portal from the UK into the WHO/UN system is through UK Med (details below).

By joining the UKMedregister, surgeons will have access to training courses including the STAE course and additional surgical courses that will be

Registration and Verification Process



FMTs will join the WHO registry via self-reporting in step 1 and 2, and then enter a quality assurance and development cycle of mentorship by WHO and an experienced volunteer from another FMT and when considered ready, a verification visit within their country of origin (by a WHO and an FMT leader peer review team). FMTs only deploy after acceptance by the affected Government and their quality assurance will occur as part of a structured joint visit by the designated MoH official and the WHO FMT coordinator. Results of these visits will be fed back to the WHO FMT secretariat and the FMT in a quality improvement cycle.

Next steps

The FMT initiative will be focussed on three key objectives;

1. Increasing country Capacity
 - a. Preparedness mission to countries ready to receive teams
 - b. Develop capacity of National Medical Teams to reach the FMT standard
2. Improved WHO verification and coordination of FMTs

developed. They will be linked into the WHO FMT registration and validation system and they will be covered by UKMed's insurance at no cost to them which includes travel, health and worldwide medical indemnity.