

## PHARMACY TEAM

DESCRIPTION	The Pharmacy Team provides services, including drug and disease information, drug preparation and distribution, vaccinations, and dosage monitoring services, for all patients in an existing hospital (inpatient), outpatient facility, or alternate medical care facility, or via mobile access		
RESOURCE CATEGORY	Medical and Public Health	RESOURCE KIND	Team
OVERALL FUNCTION	<p>The Pharmacy Team:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Distributes and dispenses pharmaceuticals prescribed to individuals, including refilling prescriptions for maintenance medications</li> <li>2. Advises patients, physicians, and other health practitioners on the selection, dosages, interactions, and side effects of medications</li> <li>3. Counsels patients on the use of prescription and over-the-counter medications</li> <li>4. Consults with and advises clinical providers about medication therapy</li> <li>5. Assures the accuracy of every prescription filled and accommodates access and functional needs (AFN) or language needs, as appropriate</li> <li>6. Maintains dispensing records and insures accuracy of all inventories before, during, and after each shift, as appropriate</li> </ol>	COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discuss logistics for deploying this team, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment</li> <li>2. This team typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable for up to 14 days</li> <li>3. Discuss environment and personal protective measures that may be necessary to protect the staff and patients</li> <li>4. Discuss security arrangements to protect personnel and pharmaceuticals prior to deployment, such as via law enforcement, military support personnel, or other appropriate personnel</li> <li>5. Discuss secure facility logistics prior to deployment</li> <li>6. Specify the need to order an inpatient or outpatient Pharmacy Team and what type of mobile or portable vehicle or equipment might be necessary               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Outpatient pharmacies are usually mobile units but can be portable; portable (fixed) units can take several hours to set up</li> <li>b. Inpatient pharmacies, if not in an existing facility, can be portable temporary hospital settings and are rarely mobile</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. Specify the need to order additional staff to ensure the availability of resources required to safely and effectively support the mission assignment, including administrative, logistics, communications, supply, and clerical personnel</li> <li>8. Requestor supplements clinical staff with Healthcare Resource Coordination Team if equipment, supplies, information technology, and communications support are necessary</li> <li>9. Requestor identifies, verifies, and mitigates potentially hazardous conditions</li> <li>10. To ensure staff is qualified to care for the patient mix, requests for assistance specify the clinical area, specialty services (if necessary), mission assignment, and anticipated length of deployment</li> <li>11. Temperature control support may be necessary for medical supplies in some environments</li> <li>12. Address potential biohazard issues</li> <li>13. Address vehicle maintenance support needs, if necessary</li> </ol>

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RESOURCE TYPES			TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	NO TYPE 4
COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Personnel	Per Team	Management and Oversight	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	1 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 1 Medical Team Leader	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Not Specified			
Equipment	Per Team Member	Personal Protective Equipment	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	PPE is mission specific and may include: 1. Eye protection 2. Masks, such as N95 masks or powered air purifying respirators (PAPR) 3. Protective footwear 4. Protective gloves	Not Applicable
			NOTES: The following regulations address PPE: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.120: Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, and OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection.			
Equipment	Per Team	Communications	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Appropriate team communications, such as two-way radios, cell phones, or a satellite phone	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Not Specified			
Personnel	Per Team	Minimum	5	Same as Type 3	3	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Not Specified			
Personnel	Per Team	Support	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 1 - NIMS Type 1 Pharmacist 1 - NIMS Type 1 Pharmacy Technician	Same as Type 3	1 - NIMS Type 1 Pharmacist 1 - NIMS Type 1 Pharmacy Technician	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Not Specified			
Equipment	Per Team	Information Technology	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Laptop computers and software	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Software is specific to pharmacy-related needs.			

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RESOURCE TYPES			TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	NO TYPE 4
COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Capabilities	Per Team	Inpatient and Outpatient	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Outpatient/mobile care for ambulatory patients	Inpatient care for acute patients in a hospital setting or in portable units augmenting a hospital setting	Outpatient/mobile care for ambulatory patients	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Typically, an inpatient team can support an outpatient unit; however, an outpatient/mobile team may not have the capability to support an inpatient environment.			
Capabilities	Per Team	Volume	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 400 ambulatory patient prescriptions per 12-hour shift	50 inpatient prescriptions per 12-hour shift	400 ambulatory patient prescriptions per 12-hour shift	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Not Specified			
Equipment	Per Team	Facility Equipment	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Mobile unit or a portable unit and adjunct equipment provided	Not Applicable
			NOTES: 1. A mobile unit is housed in a self-contained wheeled vehicle or a trailered vehicle. Mobile units vary in size, are able to withstand winds, and include a satellite connection. 2. Portable units are fixed, non-wheeled structures erected in one location to augment a hospital or other fixed clinical care setting. 3. Outpatient teams receive mobile units and adjunct equipment unless otherwise specified. Outpatient teams can use an existing facility in lieu of a mobile unit, if available.			
Equipment	Per Team	Pharmacy Operations Equipment	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3, PLUS: 1. Intravenous (IV) therapy equipment 2. Sterile environment (hood)	1. Range of prescription and over-the-counter pharmaceuticals 2. Pill counter 3. Pharmacy scale 4. Label printer 5. Metric and apothecary weight set 6. Temperature control equipment 7. Hazardous pharmaceutical waste containers	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Inpatient settings may require sterile preparation standards (cleanroom and hood) for dispensing medications.			

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## REFERENCES

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1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Healthcare Resource Coordination Team
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Medical Team Leader
3. FEMA, NIMS 509: Pharmacist
4. FEMA, NIMS 509: Pharmacy Technician
5. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, latest edition adopted
6. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection, latest edition adopted
7. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted

## NOTES

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Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.

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