

Appendix 1. Emergency Medical Team classification

Type	Description	Minimal benchmark indicators (per day)	Minimum length of stay
Type 1 (mobile)	Provides daylight hours care for stabilization of acute trauma and nontrauma presentations, referrals for further investigation or inpatient care & community-based primary care with the ability to work in multiple locations over the period of a deployment	At least 50 outpatients	2 wk
Type 1 (fixed)	Provides daylight hours care for acute trauma and non-trauma presentations, referrals, and ongoing investigation or care & community-based primary care in an outpatient fixed facility	100 outpatients	2 wk
Type 2 Inpatient surgical emergency care	Provides Type 1 services plus general and obstetric surgery for trauma & other major conditions as well as inpatient acute care	>100 outpatients; 1 operating theatre with a minimum of 20 inpatient beds/operating table; 7 major or 15 minor operations	3 wk
Type 3 Inpatient referral care	Provides Type 2 services plus complex referral and intensive care capacity	>100 outpatients and >40 inpatients; at least 2 operating tables & 40 inpatient beds (20 beds/operating table) 15 major or 30 minor operations; at least 4 intensive care beds	4 wk
Specialized care team	Additional specialized care teams that can be embedded in local healthcare facilities or Type 2 or Type 3 unless specified otherwise, can provide the following services: outbreak, surgical, rehabilitation, mental health, reproductive and newborn care, interdisciplinary, interhospital and technical support.	Teams offering care embedded into existing facilities & able to provide the equipment and consumables related to the services they are offering for the entire period of their deployment	Variable

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