



7. To make a plan for moving the hospital supplies from the storage area to the operational area

#### Post Disaster

*1. When he is alerted, he will put his operational plan in motion:*

- (a) Proceed to the storage site; load equipment and supplies on a vehicle previously designated for this purpose
- (b) Advise the remaining staff of the Pharmaceutical Service to report to the operational site.

*2. When unit arrives, he will take the following action:*

- (a) Take charge of the unloading and distribution of boxes and bulk supply items to functional areas, in accordance with the colour-coding system and the alphabetical listing and distribution chart
- (b) Assign the senior pharmacist to set up the pharmacy and hospital stores areas

- (c) Arrange for the Deputy Director of Pharmaceutical Services and the other pharmacist to circulate throughout the functional areas to assist hospital staff with the setting up of equipment and deal with any supply problems which may arise
- (d) Ensure that the nurse in charge of Central Supply is organizing this particular area
- (e) When the unit has been established operationally, relieve the Deputy Director and the other pharmacist of their duties. They should be rested and return when the next shift takes over
- (f) Order all additional supplies required through Municipal Emergency Government Headquarters, as the need arises.

#### Pharmacy and Pharmacy Stores

*There should be two pharmacists in this area. One pharmacist on duty will be responsible for pharmacy, hospital stores, oxygen equipment and all other special equipment and supplies. This Pharmacist must arrange for the rapid distribution*

*of the following items of equipment to the Treatment Areas:*

- 1) Oxygen cylinders with regulators and humidifiers attached
- 2) The Wangensteen Suction Apparatus
- 3) The additional equipment required in nasal catheter technique in the Treatment Areas.

For details of procedures in assembling such equipment the manual "Health Supplies Officers Technical Guide" should be consulted. The second pharmacist on duty will be working mainly in the pharmacy area primarily to dispense concentrated solutions of antiseptics, broken down to the appropriate solution strength which must be despatched in bulk to the relevant functional areas. He should make certain that all pharmaceutical supplies are made freely available to the Treatment Areas as required.

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The hospital stores should be under the supervision of a storeman.

#### Location of Area

The Pharmacy and Pharmacy stores should be contiguous with the Central Supply Area and with it, be the first functional areas of the Emergency Hospital to be set up on an operational footing. The Pharmacy and Pharmacy stores should if possible be set up in the same area space. Some five hundred square feet of floor space is required for setting out bulk supply items in such a manner that makes the supplies freely accessible for distribution. An additional two to three hundred square feet is required for the Pharmacy itself. (see plates 17 and 18). A sink with running water should be available in the Pharmacy Area.