4. EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT	Cork University Hospital	ACTION CARD NUMBER
	ED Yellow Area Leader	4.8

You Report To:	CNM2/ Shift Leader	**You Brief:**	Nursing and ED Medical staff – Designated yellow area
Overall Responsibilities	• Organisation and management of the Yellow Area (Majors/ CDU/GEMS) area prior to, during and after a Major Incident • Delegate and assist staff to prepare the yellow area to function for casualties with significant injuries. • Coordinate, with staff, the safe transfer of patients for indicated diagnostic and treatment procedures • Yellow spaces will open in a staged fashion as staffing allows. • Communicate with department shift lead		

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS ON NOTIFICATION/ACTIVATION

ON ACTIVATION	ON STANDBY

• You have been allocated as yellow area Nurse Leader for one of the following areas:
   o **Yellow Zone 1**- Cubicles 1,2,3,4, Rasta P x 2 spaces
   o **Yellow Zone 2**- CDU
   o **Yellow Zone 3**- GEMS
 • Ensure 02, suction and monitoring equipment are in working area.
 • Liaise with Portering staff to collect MEP stock and equipment from Glandore MEP storeroom.
 • Ensure YELLOW ZONE areas are equipped for reception of seriously injured casualties with the following:
   o Airway Grab Box (24)
   o IV Cannulation Grab Bag (24)
   o Thoracostomy Grab Bag* (12)
   o Major Haemorrhage Grab Bag* (12)
   one between each bay
 	
 • Paeds airway grabbox <22kg (x6) and >22kg(x 12), paeds thoracostomy boxes (x 12) and burns equipment containers available on the main ED corridor.
 • Yellow areas should ideally be staffed with 1 nurse, 1 doctor but this may not be achievable in early stages of MEP
 • Yellow spaces will open in a staged fashion as staffing allows. Extra spaces may be available in RASTA P and old paeds but will depend on staffing.
	• Read and familiarise yourself with action card
	 • Brief Yellow Area Nurses and ensure team has read action card
	 • In collaboration and discussion with the team identify patients within areas suitable for transfer to an appropriate alternative location
	
	 • Liaise with CNM2/ Shift leader and Senior ED Medical Staff and await further developments

• Oversee the coordination of staff and casualties who are triaged to the yellow area and liaise with staff if they feel patient needs to be escalated or de-escalated • Nurse Leader should oversee and delegate nursing roles rather than direct clinical care. • Inform CNM2/shift leader if additional stock or human resources are required for Majors. • Assist treatment teams to prioritise and coordinate care needed based on limited resources (i.e. equipment/ diagnostics/ medication/ blood products). • Link with other Yellow Area Leaders to coordinate care and spaces	

Consider these points

Yellow Zones
Yellow Zone 1
CUBICLES 1, 2, 3, 4, & RASTA P (2 spaces) (6 spaces)
Yellow Zone 2
CLINICAL DECISION UNIT (CDU, 12 spaces)
Yellow Zone 3
GERIATRIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE (6 SPACES)

TOTAL OF 24 TREATMENT SPACES

10. Electronic ordering of diagnostics will be possible as soon as the casualty alias is registered in the ED. Continue standard daily practice in relation to electronic ordering of diagnostics.

Once a Major Emergency has been declared all ED clinicians should logout of iCM and log back into iCM using the MEP Username and Password.

Username: MEPMEP

Password: MEPMEP

This Profile will display all 300 MEP Patients on the one list negating the need for these patients to be registered on iPMS.

11. Continue use of allocated casualty alias for entire care episode in the ED.

12. If further staffing/resources are required contact shift leader.

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