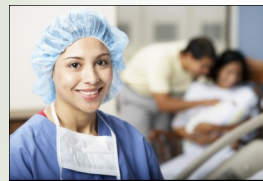
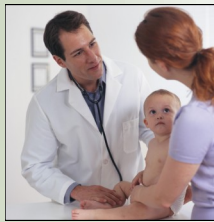


Mission

The mission of the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is to improve the health and safety of communities across the country by organizing and utilizing public health, medical and other volunteers.



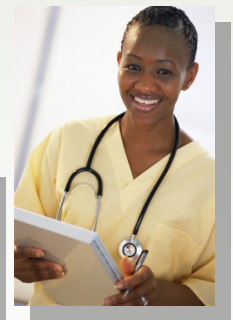
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Imperial County Medical Reserve Corps

Join the Team!



What is the MRC?

The Imperial County Medical Reserve Corps (ICMRC) is a group of trained volunteers who assist public health efforts during times of special need or disaster, such as during a major communicable disease outbreak, earthquake, flood, tsunami, or act of terrorism. ICMRC supplements the resources of the local community emergency medical response system and augments staff shortages.

The need for trained supplemental medical and public health personnel to assist with emergency operations was highlighted after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Many medical and public health professionals sought to support emergency relief efforts, but there was no organized approach to channel their efforts. The MRC program provides personnel in response to an emergency, as it identifies specific, trained, credentialed personnel available and ready to respond to emergencies.



What do MRC Volunteers do?

The responsibilities of MRC volunteers vary, depending on the nature of the needs in the community. MRC volunteers can assist during emergencies and assist with public initiatives and ongoing community health outreach and education efforts.

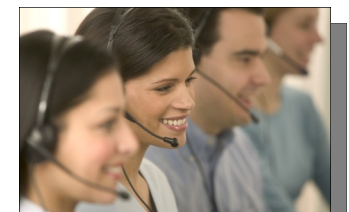
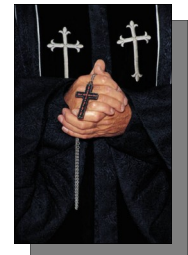
Local emergencies can quickly overwhelm the capabilities of first responders, particularly during the first 12 to 72 hours. Medical and non-medical volunteers can provide an important “surge” capacity during this critical period. During a vaccination clinic, for example, medical personnel can augment staff shortages by providing clinical support. Non-medical individuals can fill in the gaps by providing administrative support services.

MRC volunteers also strengthen the overall health of Americans by participating in general public health initiatives such as flu vaccination clinics and diabetes detection programs.



Who can join?

- Practicing, retired, or otherwise employed medical professionals, such as physicians, nurses, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, mental health professionals, dentists, pharmacists, nurse assistants, physical therapists and others.
- Public health professionals.
- Community members without medical training such as translators, sign language interpreters, social workers, Chaplains and others that can assist with administrative and other essential support functions.



Source: Medical Reserve Corps homepage