

612 Standing instructions by Divisional Chief Medical Superintendent to Divisional Medical Officers: Divisional Chief Medical Superintendents, shall prepare standing instructions for each Divisional Medical Officer in-charge of each Hospital and Health Unit to ensure that the DMO keeps his staff informed of his whereabouts when he is away from the Hospital or Health Unit and that, if the DMO himself cannot proceed to an accident spot promptly, the Divisional Medical Officer of the adjoining Hospital or health Unit is immediately advised of the position. The staff required to be left behind at the Hospital or Health Unit shall also be indicated.

613 Responsibility of Divisional Medical Officer proceeding to the site of the Accident:

- a) The Divisional Medical Officer shall proceed to the site of accident by the first available train, taking with him the medical relief equipment and necessary staff. He shall decide from the estimate of the injuries as given in the accident message or as ascertained by him from control, whether assistance from the neighboring Division is required; if so, he shall send necessary requisition by the earliest possible means to the nearest Divisional Medical Officer, Chief Medical Officer and the adjacent Medical Officers-in-charge of civil or other Hospitals nearest to the scene of accident. On arrival at the site of accident, he shall, after affording medical aid, as best as possible, arrange for the removal of the injured from the site of the accident to the nearest Hospitals. Officers of the Traffic and other departments shall give every possible assistance to the Divisional Medical Officer in his effort to reach the scene of accident as quickly as possible for the removal of the injured from the site of the accident, by clearing the debris or other work to unearth the injured persons and in sending messages to the Chief Medical Officer and Divisional Medical Officers of other divisions and others.
- b) If the Divisional Medical Officer can possibly reach the site of accident by motor car in advance of the Medical van or equipment or staff, he shall do so, after nominating an officer of another Department or his subordinate to take charge of the arrangements to send the medical equipment.
- c) Medical Officers attending accidents, should consider the necessity of subjecting the Motormen / Loco Pilot or any other staff connected with the safe running of trains involved in an accident, to an alcoholic test as one of their immediate duties, on reaching the site.

614 Opening of Dressing Station and Temporary Hospitals:

- a) At the site of accident, the Senior Medical Official present shall decide on a place for a dressing station and depute staff preferably those qualified in First Aid to help him in his work. This dressing station shall be conveniently situated, and if there are sufficient staff, two such stations may be opened where injured cases brought from the wreckage by stretcher may be dressed. The tarpaulins and bamboo posts provided in the Accident Medical equipment shall be utilized for setting up these stations. If the accident is by day, the First Aid stations thus set up shall be marked by a red flag and during night time by a red lamp. The senior Engineering Official at the site shall be responsible for ensuring adequate labour to work as stretcher bearers, under the guidance of the Medical staff.

Note: Except in cases of extreme urgency, no operative procedure shall be undertaken at the site of accident.

- b) If it is found necessary to open temporary Hospitals and if the accident takes place in or near the precincts of a station, the Divisional Medical Officer shall request any refreshment room, waiting rooms, institutes or other public buildings belonging to the railway for such purpose. Speed in evacuation is of the utmost importance and the aim of the medical relief party shall be to evacuate all cases to hospitals in the shortest time possible. Before transporting the injured for admission to any Railway or non-Railway Hospitals, the authorities there shall be advised in advance by phone requesting them to make necessary arrangements for receiving the cases.