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ASSESSMENT OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES' COMMITMENT CAPACITY, OF A DISASTER MEDICAL GRAVITY INDEX AND OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

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Medical organization in the event of a disaster is usually divided up into three relatively close, organized systems (Fig. 1) :

- on-site medical organization;
- evacuation of the injured, that is, their transfer to and distribution among various hospitals;
- admission to the hospitals in accordance with their disaster plans.

The medical care of the injured, then, is progressive. It begins on the site of the disaster itself (resuscitation, conditioning), continues during their transfer and ends in a hospital. The usual term for this is the rescue chain. The synchronization of the different links of this chain and of their respective capacities is decisive if this progressive treatment is to be adequate.

The assessment of disaster preparedness in certain regions is highly subjective. In a modern society, however, objectivity is essential and the following approach endeavours to be objective.