# Session 1.04 – Novel Approach to Medical Mitigation of Mass Casualty Disasters

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All disasters are NOT created equal

So, it stands to reason that all disaster responses do not, of necessity, have to be identical.







### Responses need to be

- Capable of handling everything from triage to staged surgical intervention
- Flexible modular
- Scalable
- Easily and rapidly deployed
- Deployable on any platform
- Fast on the ground and operational within 24-hours

### Shelter of convenience may work







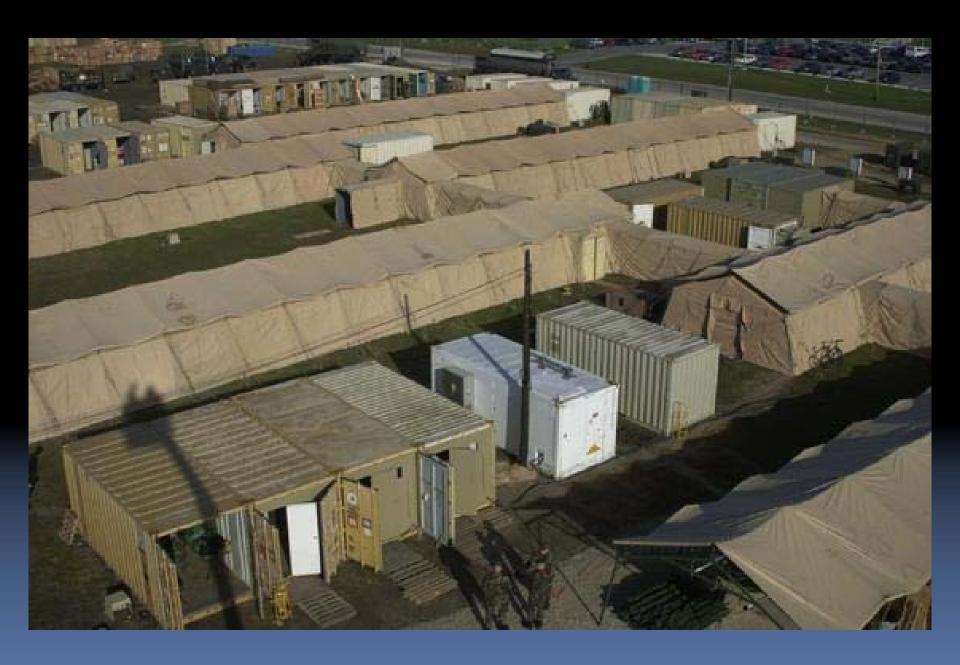
### Shelter may have to be deployed

Shelters now in use









The typical big response

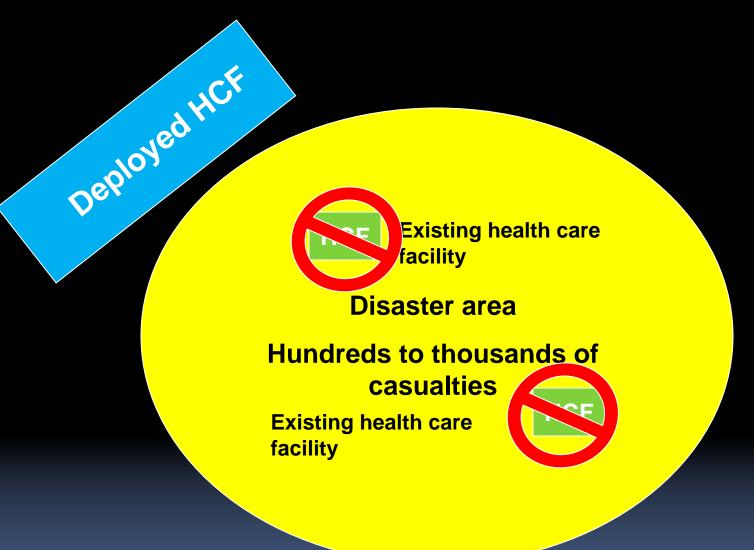
and the accompanying risk

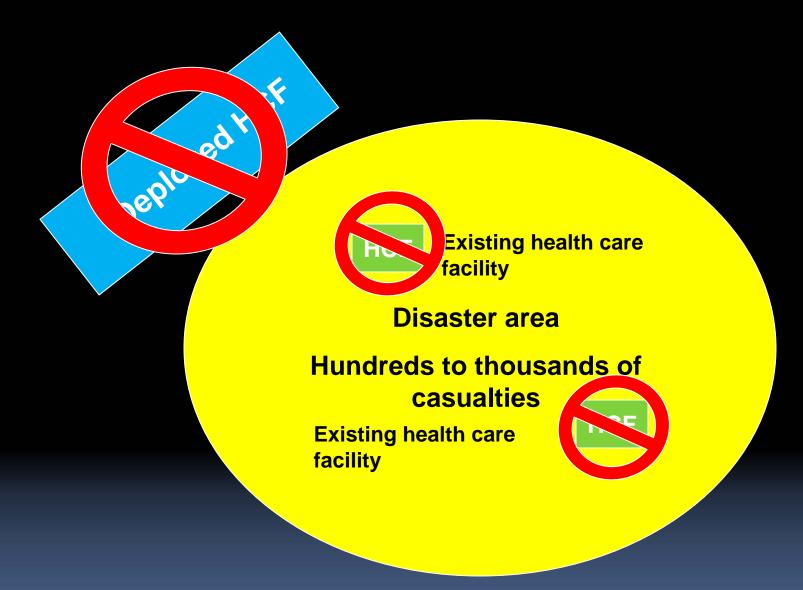


**Disaster area** 

Hundreds to thousands of casualties

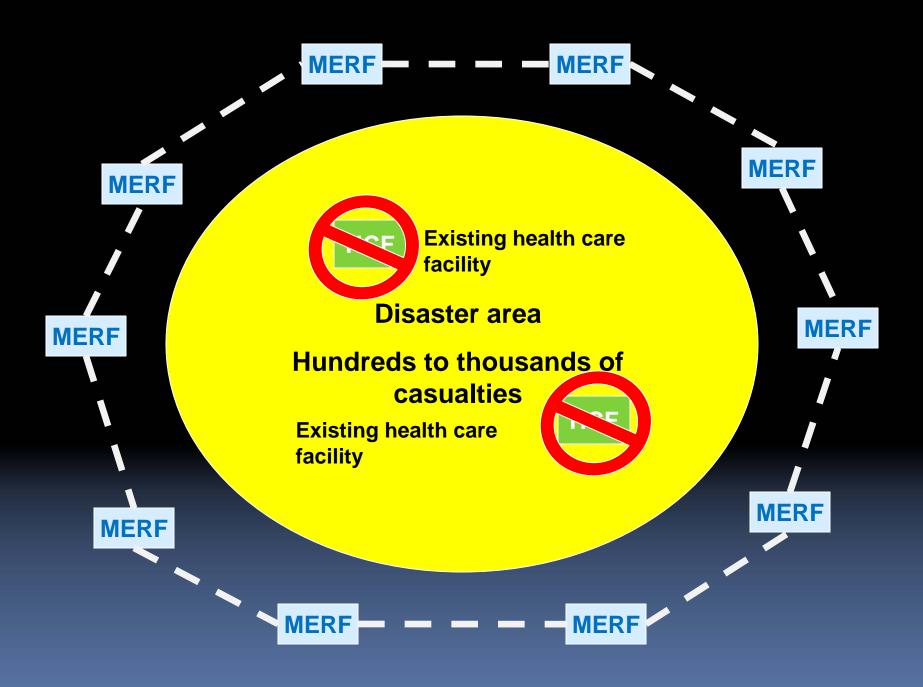
**Existing health care facility** 

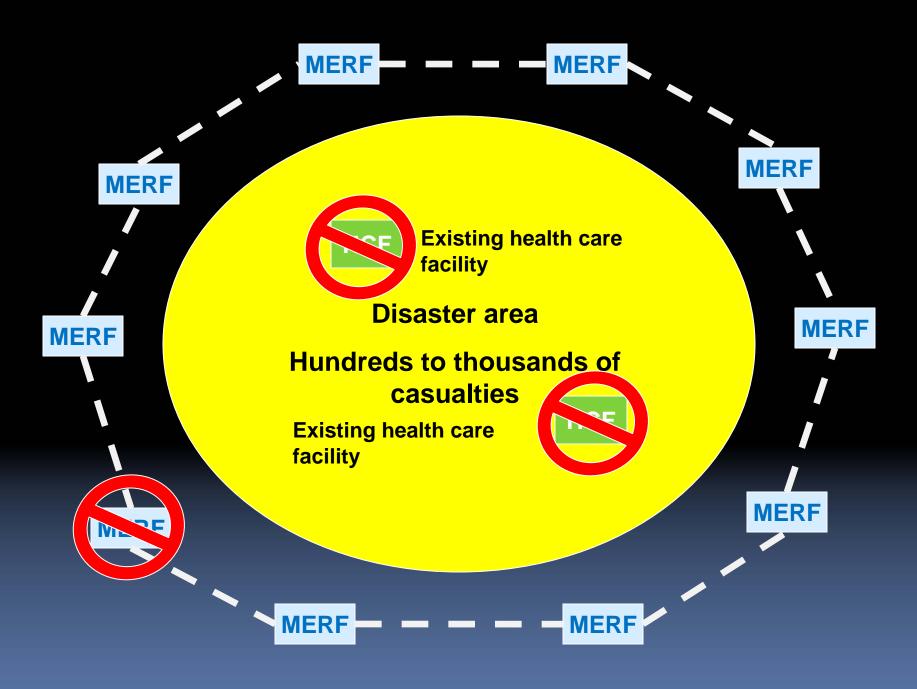


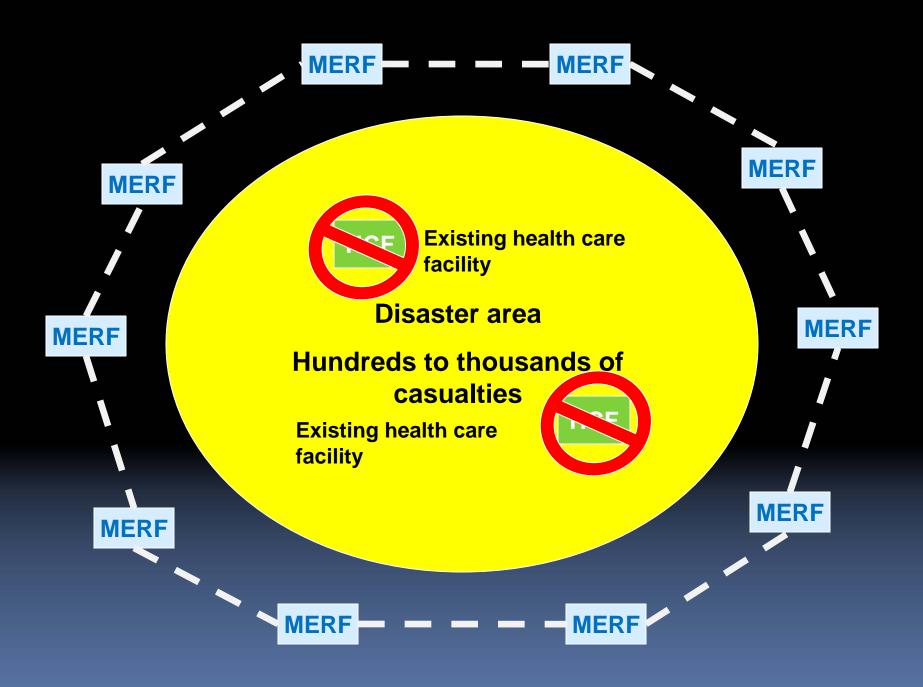


## Strategic deployment of needed elements only









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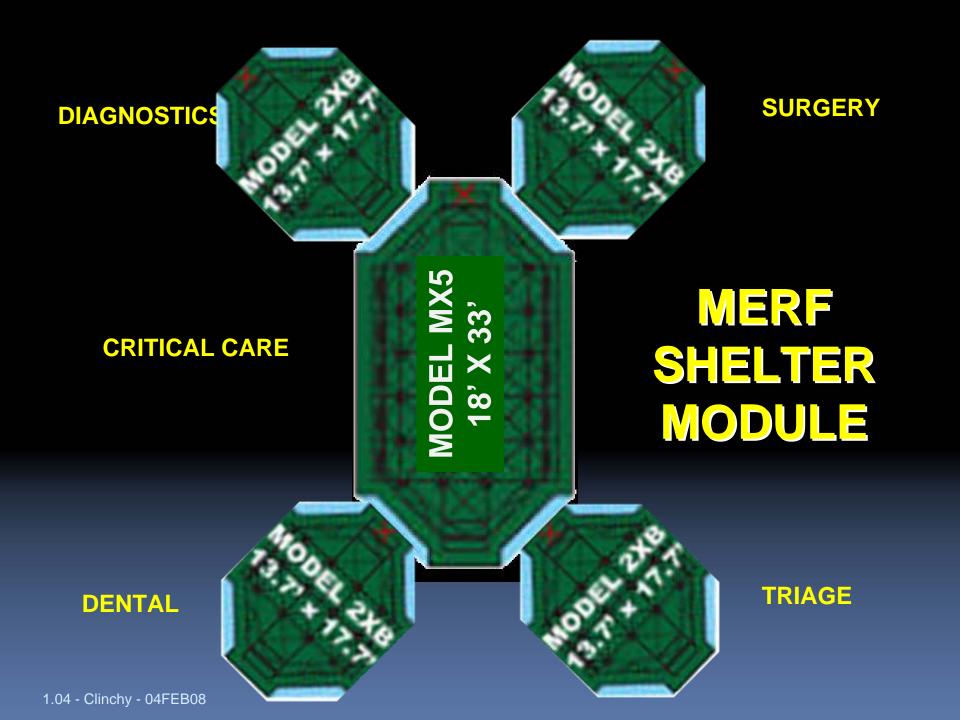






If shelter is needed it can be deployed but does not have to be

Result? Less cube and weight











### Scalable



### M.E.R.F. can provide

- Triage
- Diagostic
- Critical care
- Surgery
- Dental
- Isolation for chem-bio exposures
- Holding
- Self-sufficiency for oxygen, power, and water

### M.E.R.F. is a teaming concept

- North Coast Outfitters
- Charlie's HorseDeployment Systems
- Welch-Allyn
- Impact Instrumentation
- Oceanic Medical
- Global Hydration

- Lifesaving Systems
- Aseptico
- Mid-Atlantic Telerad
- Sonosite
- Zoll
- Carleton Life Support
- DHS Tech/DRASH

#### Cost

\$750-\$950,000 per 10-bed system determined by end-user needs

\$9-10,000,000 for 100-bed scalable capability