

Introduction to Wilderness Emergency Medical Service

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摘要

Abstract

There is neither wilderness emergency medical technicians (WEMT) organization nor related training course in Taiwan. When casualty incidents or disasters occur, there is no WEMT first responder in Taiwan, either. We always use instead search and rescue teams that have no special training for wilderness medicine. The “chain of survival” early access, early cardiopulmonary resuscitation, early defibrillation and early advanced cardiac life support may be not available in wilderness event.

To lower prehospital resuscitative rate, we must establish a well-organized wilderness emergency medical service by developing its training course, prehospital care and certification system in Taiwan. (Ann Disaster Med. 2004;3 Suppl 1:S35-S39)