DEVELOPMENT AND INTRODUCTION OF A MAJOR MEDICAL EMERGENCY TEMPLATE FOR PUBLIC HOSPITALS IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

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Background:
Major Medical Emergencies or Major Incidents often occur without warning and initial rescue efforts to such events may be chaotic in the absence of a response plan. In Brunei, where the healthcare manpower is relatively small, it is imperative for healthcare workers throughout the country to be familiar with the Major Medical Emergency Plan and be able to contribute to the rescue efforts. The development and introduction of a Major Medical Emergency template is to allow hospitals adopt a standardized general approach to a major medical emergency. The template includes the core structures for pre-hospital and in-hospital responses. It is hoped that the standardized template will assist healthcare administrators and professionals to contribute within their own hospitals as well as in other public hospitals.