

Report on the NATO Action Plan to Enhance Medical Support for Collective Defence (MAP)

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Dentists - are we
prepared?

Readiness

- Crisis
 - Medical
 - Environmental
 - Socioeconomic
- Refugees
- War
- Everybody is talking about it
 - Organisations
 - Nations
 - UN
 - WHO
 - EU
 - NATO

NATO Article 3

- The principle of **resilience** is rooted in Article 3 of the North Atlantic Treaty: “In order more effectively to achieve the objectives of this Treaty, the Parties, separately and jointly, by means of **continuous and effective self-help and mutual aid**, will maintain and develop their individual and collective capacity to resist armed attack”
- Civil preparedness has three core functions: continuity of government, continuity of essential services to the population and civil support to military operations.

Resilience Committee

- the **Civil Communications Planning Group (CCPG)** provides advice on building resilience in the communications sector;
- the **Civil Protection Group (CPG)** addresses ways to ensure continuity of government as well as the ability to deal effectively with uncontrolled movements of people; and
- the **Energy Planning Group (EPG)** is responsible for the oversight of resilient energy supplies;
- the **Food and Agriculture Planning Group (FAPG)** addresses resilience matters in the food and water sector;
- the **Joint Health Group (JHG)** covers Allies' ability to deal with mass casualties and disruptive health crises;
- the **Transport Group (TG)**, subdivided across inland surface, maritime and aviation, supports resilient civil transport systems.

Medical Action Plan (MAP)

- Regulatory frameworks and legislation,
- Workforce shortages
- Mass casualty planning
- Patient evacuation
- Medical logistics
- Dentists?

Main oral challenges in crisis and war

CIV

- Nutritional changes
- Increase of caries and infections
- Increased oral disease
- Increased trauma
- Supply chains are challenged
- Water and power
- Fatigue
- Domestic violence and abuse

MIL

- 20% facial injuries
- Dental trauma and infections

Who, where and what should dentists be in crisis and war?

