

# What are MEDDRUN & CHEMPACK Resources?

The **Michigan Emergency Drug Delivery and Resource Utilization Network (MEDDRUN)** program is a state resource intended to bridge the gap between the onset of an event and the arrival of additional resources. The MEDDRUN caches, called MedPacks, contain pharmaceuticals, critical medical supplies and some personal protective equipment and are strategically located throughout the State of Michigan. These caches are pre-deployed at geographically diverse agencies based primarily with Michigan's rotary air, and selected ground, emergency medical services (EMS) agencies to minimize deployment time during an event. MEDDRUN is intended to rapidly deliver these medications and supplies to hospitals or other sites as requested.



MEDDRUN is an emergency resource and is not intended to eliminate the need for local hospitals and healthcare systems to prepare for emergencies and to consider stockpiling certain minimum medications and supplies. Nor is MEDDRUN intended to supplant federal and state assets that may be mobilized to sustain long-term operations in a major Mass Casualty Incident (MCI).

**CHEMPACK** is a federal resource that provides the State of Michigan a supplemental source, of nerve agent antidotes to be utilized in a large-scale event. The CHEMPACK caches contain only nerve agent antidotes and are also pre-deployed at secured sites throughout the state.

The Office of Public Health Preparedness continues to identify mechanisms to communicate these resources to first responders. Recently a MEDDRUN/CHEMPACK brochure, first responder card and posters were deployed. These items were sent out to each hospital Emergency Department Manager, Local Health Department Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Local Health Department Health Officer, Regional Hospital Bioterrorism Coordinator, Regional Medical Director, District Emergency Manager, Medical Control Authorities, EMS Education Programs and EMS Instructor Coordinators throughout the state of Michigan.

It is important for all to remain vigilant of many of the resources available and mechanisms for deployment. If you would like to receive additional copies of the above items you may contact Amber Kennon via email [kennona@michigan.gov](mailto:kennona@michigan.gov), by telephone at 517-335-9572 or your Regional Bioterrorism Coordinator.

For more information visit our booth at the EMS Expo, April 19-22<sup>nd</sup> and attend the presentation Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

