

Project RESPOND: A Training for New Disaster Supply Caches

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BACKGROUND

Project RESPOND includes new disaster supply caches and introduces a novel capacity to discharge patients from the scene of an MCI. We evaluated the effectiveness of brief training module in familiarizing prehospital providers with this new capacity.

METHODS

1. Developed a 12 minute orientation video and short table top exercise
2. Trained 42 SFFD Paramedic Captains
3. Collected survey data on comfort, familiarity, utility, and knowledge

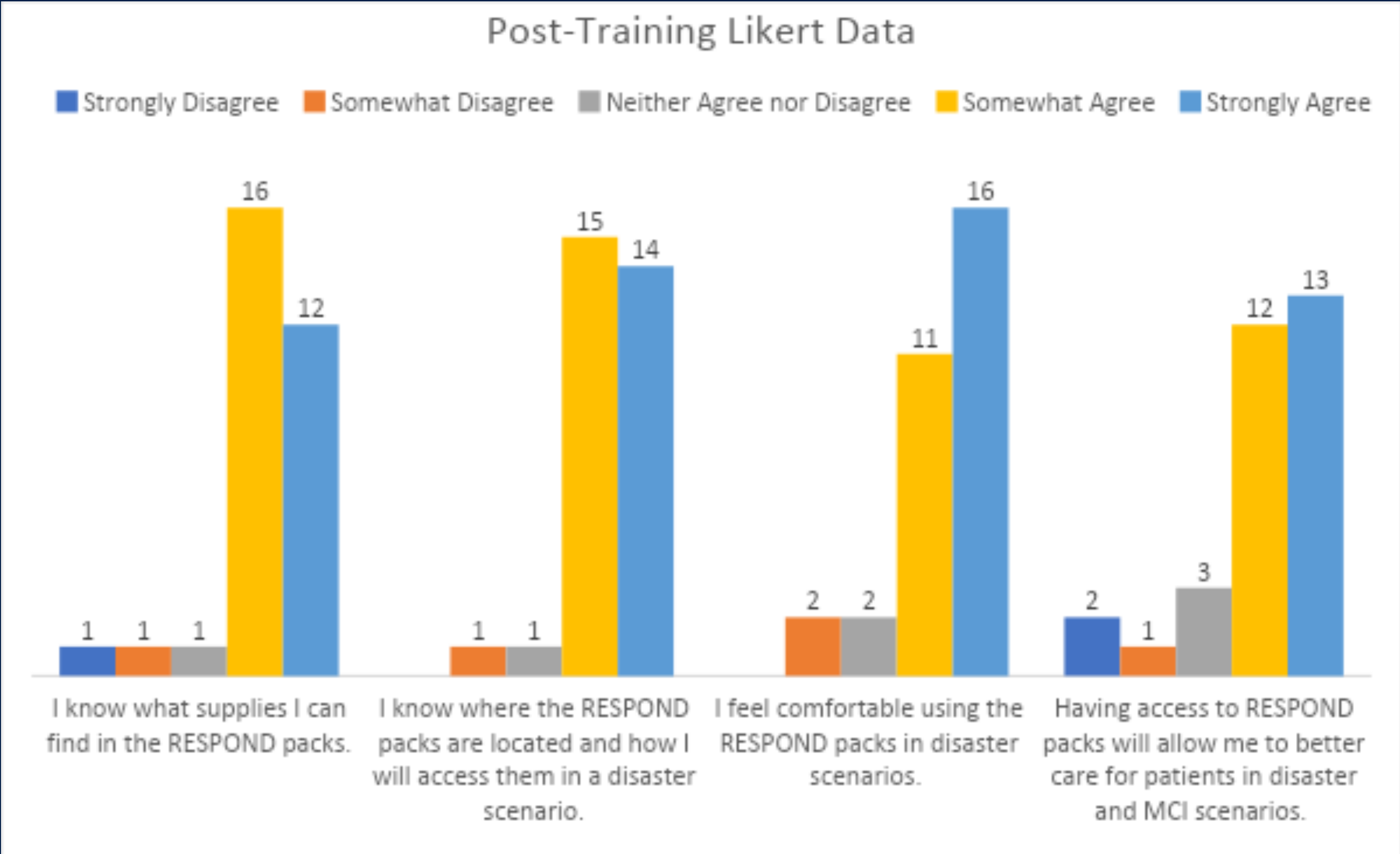
RESULTS

- Most participants felt more comfortable using Project RESPOND following the training
- Received feedback for improving the training, video, and packs

DISCUSSION

The orientation video and table top exercise was sufficient to increase provider familiarity with Project RESPOND and may be particularly useful in low resourced settings. We still need to train more providers and try new training modules.

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Table 1. Constructive Feedback from Participants (N=14)

Focus of Suggestion	Feedback from Participants
Orientation Video	• Consider animations that could model several work flow possibilities that would visually aid comprehension (it is a new and additional function to typical EMS MCI operations). • Higher volume. Good job. Thank you. • No need to review– could just say “standard Medic jump bag”
Tabletop Exercise	• Simulation/actual video would be a good training tool • I think during the training, a detailed demonstration of how to set up the clinic would be helpful. • This is a great resource! The entire discussion better emphasized the [principle] of not sending everyone to the ED (EMS mindset). It was a bit chaotic; perhaps take the reins and model an ideal process (even if ideal is a dream). This may be a more effective use of time. Think of EMS people as cats and you get to herd us ;) • There is something of a meticulous mental process practiced by experienced Physicians in these events that we of EMS benefit for seeing in practice. • Needs to be longer (with specific scenarios) to be more realistic • Thank you, more practice for us please
Resource Cache Inventory	• Wound cleanser, zero form, sutures, antibiotics and stables would be helpful in reducing ER visits. • Please add a list of supplies that can be printed or downloaded.

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