Paralympic Team Physician Needs and Demands
“Plan of Attack”

Event Coverage

- Generalities.
- Advance Considerations.
- Coverage.
- Equipment.
Generalities – Parasport injuries

- The vast majority of illness and injury seen will be the same as in able bodied sport.
Generalities - Sports Injuries

- No injury is unique to sports.
- Any injury can and does occur.
- Other conditions can and will present during participation.
Generalities - Sports Coverage

- Be prepared for the worst.
- Treat the injured athlete as a patient.
- Never allow a minor injury to become a major one.
Advance Considerations
-Sports Risk Classification

[Images of different sports: wheelchair curling, hockey, skiing, snowboarding]
Advance Preparation

- Know your athletes.
- Know the emergency action plan.
- Adjust your equipment, meds and plans accordingly.
Coverage - Communication

- Local event site communications.
- Inter and Intra team communications.
- Communication with IPC and local organizing committee.
Coverage - Equipment and Supplies

- Ability to cover basic medical needs.
- Awareness of what is available.
- Plan to deal with situations when proper equipment is not available.
Conclusion

 ✓ Prior to event consider what might go wrong and how you will deal with it.
 ✓ Be familiar with people, place, equipment and plan.
 ✓ Enjoy the experience!
Questions?
Equipment and Supplies - My Medical Bag
Equipment and Supplies - CASM

“MEDISAC”
Equipment and Supplies - Sideline Trauma Bag
Advance Considerations - Evacuation Protocol

What is the plan for an injury?

- Who is first responder?
- What is the signal for backup and mobilization of emergency response?
- Who is calling/meeting EMT’s, and where?
- Which hospital do athletes/visitors go to?
- Practice, practice, practice...