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# Minutes to Hours – The Kaiser Permanente Northern California Evacuation Toolkit

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#### **Disclosure**

The presenters for this session have no disclosures to report.

This presentation does include references to the branded product we used in our Evacuation Toolkit.

The references are included in order to fully demonstrate the steps of the evacuation process using the components of the KP NCAL Evacuation Toolkit.



# **Objectives**

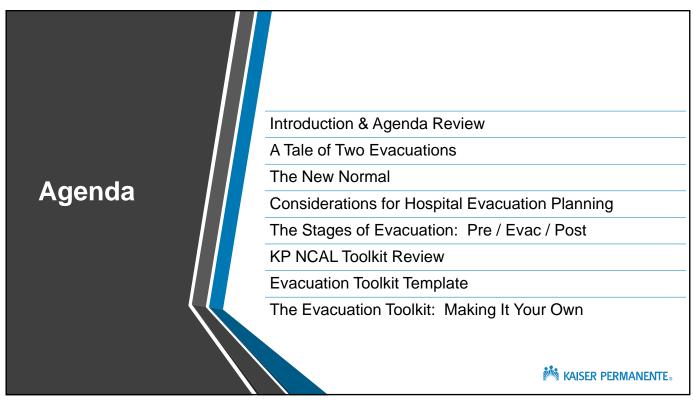
#### After attending this session, learners will be able to:

- •List the general considerations for hospital evacuation planning and how these considerations apply to hospital / healthcare systems across California.
- •Describe the three stages of evacuation--Pre-Evacuation, Evacuation, and Post-Evacuation--and the considerations for each stage.
- Adapt the components of a standardized evacuation toolkit for use in their hospital / healthcare system.

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## A Tale of Two Evacuations

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#### KP Northern California: A Tale of Two Evacuations

Tubbs Fire – October 8, 2017 -- Kaiser Permanente Santa Rosa evacuated under direct, increasing fire threat and breakdown of safe care environment.

- > "Evacuate Now" situation
  - > 122 Patients; 3-1/2 hours: Evacuated via Ambulances, Buses, and Cars
  - > KP San Rafael received 87 patients
  - > Others to KP SFO, other KP, community hospitals, home

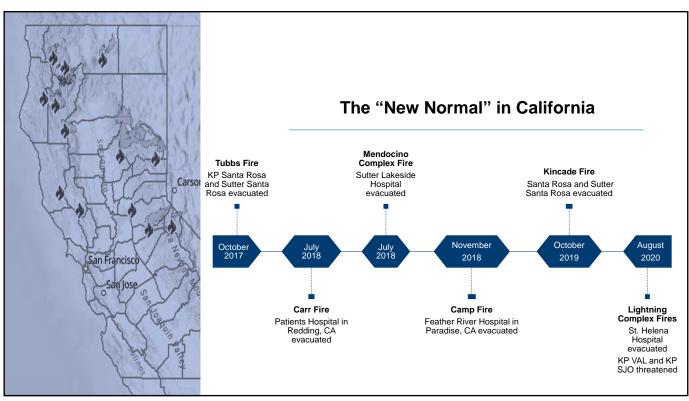
Kincade Fire – October 23, 2019 – Kaiser Permanente Santa Rosa evacuated under fire threat, evacuation warning, then mandatory evacuation order.

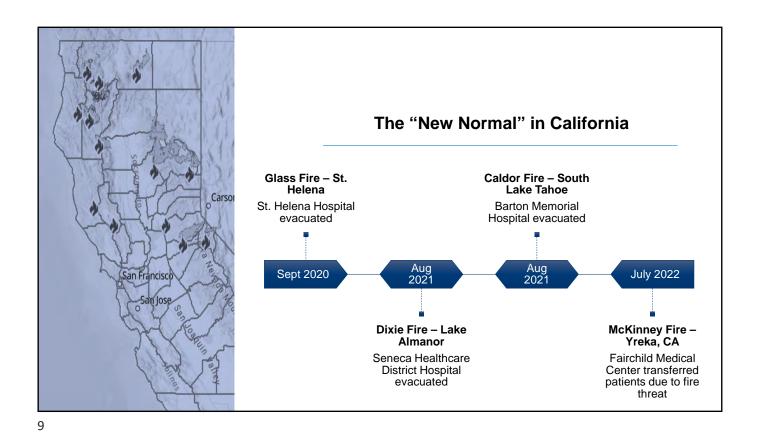
- > Multiple anticipatory actions taken by Hospital Command Center ahead of evacuation order
  - > Hospital census decreased by patient transfers to other KP hospitals
  - > Pre-Evacuation preparation initiated:
    - Hospital census review for evacuation needs
    - > Just-in-time evacuation training
    - Evacuation tag preparation
    - > Unit / patient preparation including communication with staff, patients, & families
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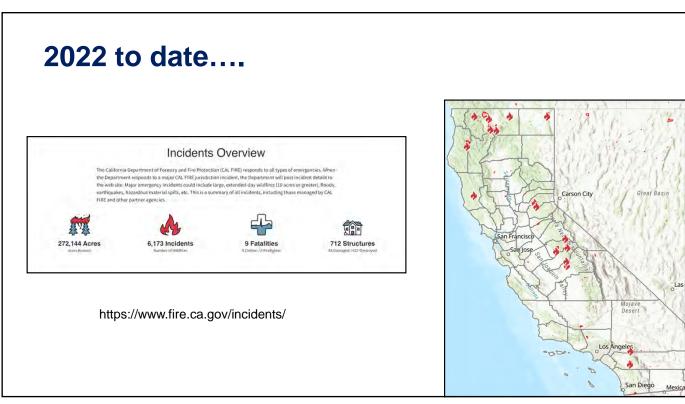
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**General Considerations for Hospital Evacuation Planning** 



#### **Evacuation Coordination**

### The Right Place at the Right Time in the Right Way

Coordination between Hospital, Healthcare System and County is required in the Pre-Evacuation and Evacuation stages. These are not normal operations and regular transfer procedures may not apply.

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#### Considerations for Hospital Evacuation Planning

#### Census Management

Specialty Patient Population Considerations: Labor & Delivery, Pediatrics, Pediatric Critical Care, Neonatal Critical Care, Adult Critical Care, Neurosurgery, others

Access to Transportation Assets

**Medication Considerations** 

Rapid Electronic Medical Record Patient Discharge Procedures

Infection Prevention

Communication / Notification County & State Entities

**EMTALA & Other Regulatory Considerations** 

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# The Stages of Evacuation: Pre-Evacuation, Evacuation, & Post-Evacuation

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#### The Pre-Evacuation Stage

When evacuation is anticipated but not required or mandated.

#### **Key Steps:**

- Notify appropriate chain of command, internal and external
- Activate Hospital Command Center
- Evaluate hospital census for acuity and transfer requirements
- Transfer of patients ahead of evacuation requirement or mandate
- Review Evacuation Plan & Toolkit
- Prepare evacuation tags and checklists
- Assign Incident Commander and key Evacuation-specific roles

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#### The Evacuation Stage

When evacuation has been initiated and/or is in progress.

#### **Key Steps:**

- Assign Evacuation-specific and additional command center roles to provide support including:
  - Command Staff, Transportation Unit Leader, Public Information Officer, Patient Family Assistance Branch Director, Family Reunification Unit Leader, others
- Activate Evacuation Plan and use Toolkit resources to prep, stage, and evacuate patients
- Communicate status to employees on shift / off shift
- · Communicate status to patients, families, and media
- Establish Infection Prevention Plan for staging and transport (event/patient-specific)

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#### The Post-Evacuation Stage – Immediate & Repopulation

After evacuation is complete, includes immediate and repopulation steps.

#### **Immediate**

- Secure pharmaceuticals—ensure temperature control
- Final sweep → then secure building(s)
- Track and reconcile patients sent to receiving facilities

#### Repopulation

- Prepare building(s) for re-entry:
  - Infection control protocols, restocking supplies, cleaning HVAC system, others
- Obtain County & State Regulatory Clearance(s)
- Repopulate medical center including return of staff and repatriation of patients

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#### Meeting the Needs of Patients and Employees After Evacuation

#### **Patients**

- Medications / medical equipment / medical records
- Essential care including Oncology, non-elective surgeries / procedures, others

#### **Employees**

- Impact assessment: Are they safe? Are they housed? What do they need?
- Consider financial and other support measures for those impacted
- Consider reassignment / pay practices as appropriate

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#### **KP NCAL Evacuation Toolkit Review**



KP Northern California Evacuation Resources & Toolkit Evacuation Plan Template
Introduction to the EVAC 123 Tracking System
Evac 123 Evacuation Kit/Tags for 200 patients
Evacuation Checklists

Pre-Evacuation Preparation Checklist

Evacuation-specific checklists to supplement HICS checklists

#### **Electronic Medical Record Job Aids for KP HealthConnect:**

**Evacuation Report instructions** 

Leave of Absence for ED and Inpatient

#### **Training Resources:**

Evac 123 Tabletop Kit & Drill Tags

On Demand Evacuation Training

Recorded

Live / Real Time upon request

#### In-Person Regional Support Available on Request

Additional in-person consultative support for the medical center

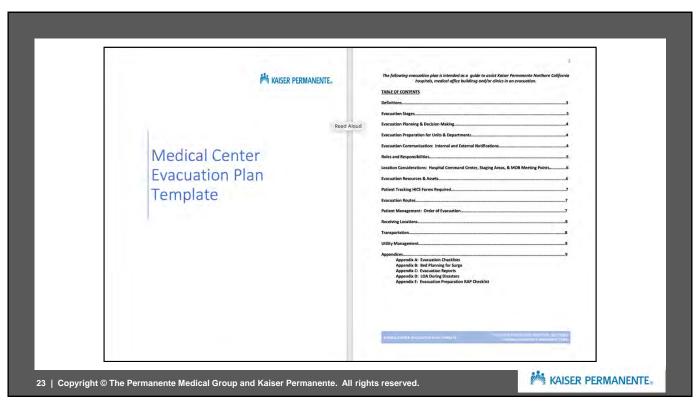
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**Evacuation Plan Template** 

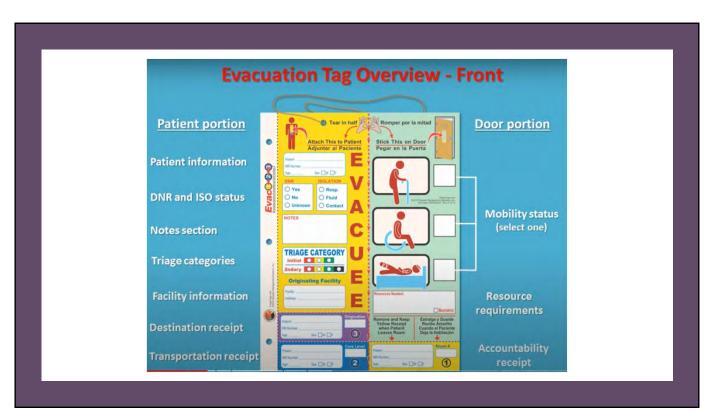




Introduction to the Evacuation 1-2-3 Tracking System





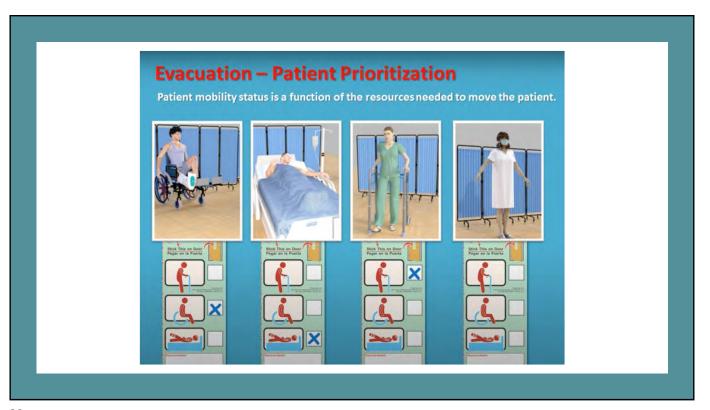




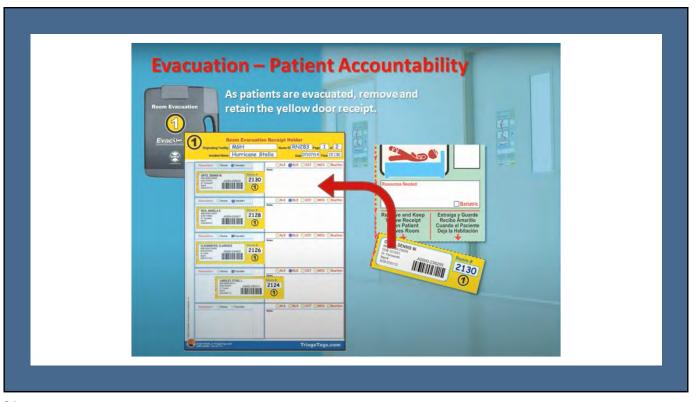


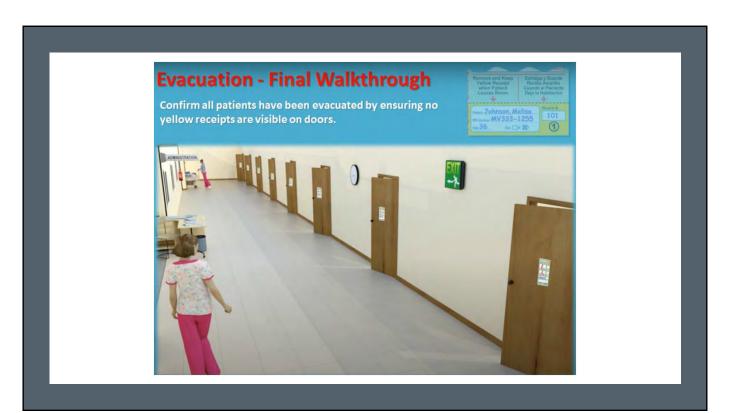


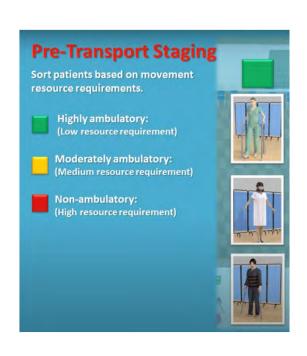












#### **Additional Staging Considerations**

#### Group by acuity / level of care

ICU / PICU / NICU Med Surg Adult Med Surg Pediatric Labor & Delivery

#### **Additional labeling**

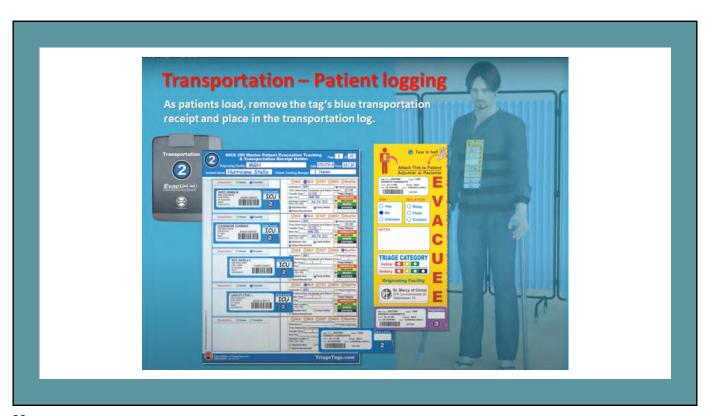
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- Bus /Car /Van
- Ambulance
- Critical Care Transport

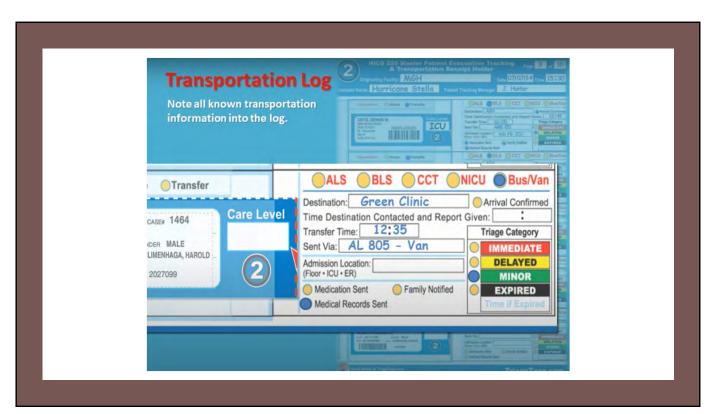
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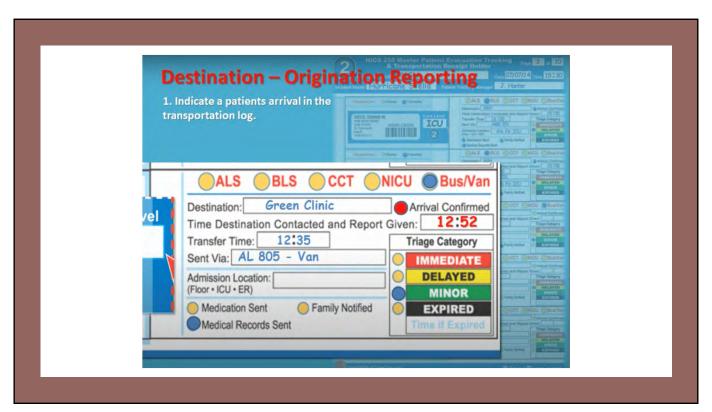










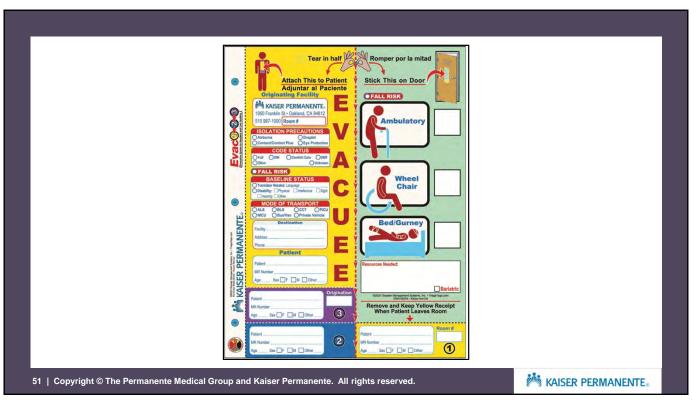




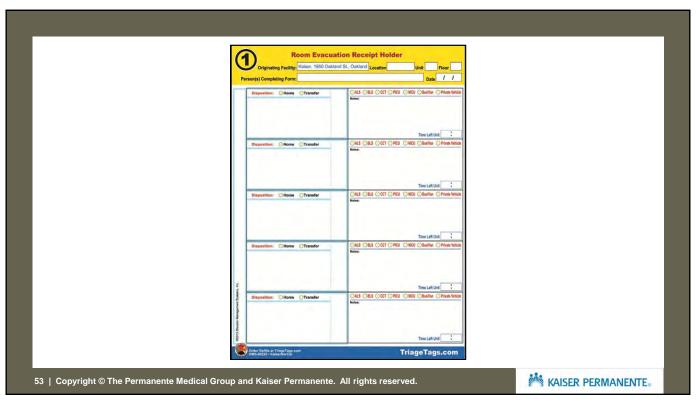


# **Evacuation Tags**

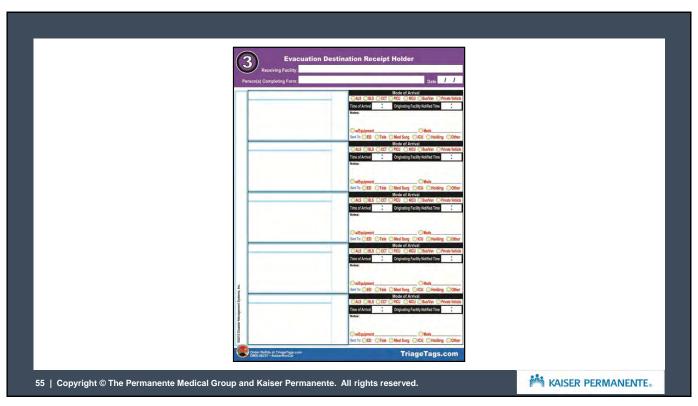


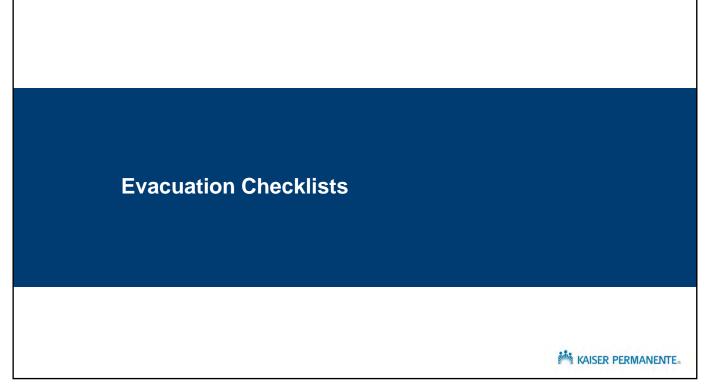


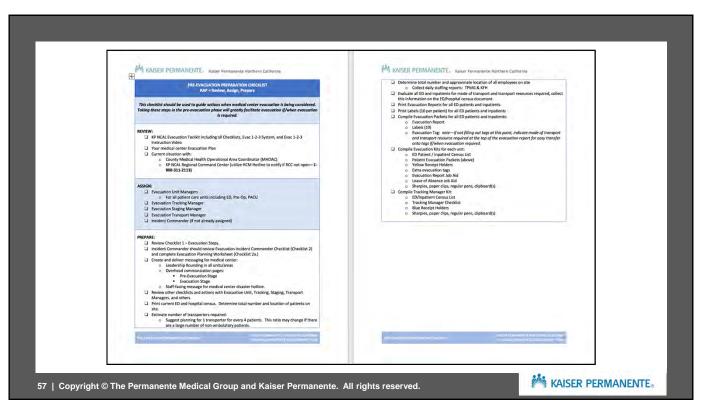


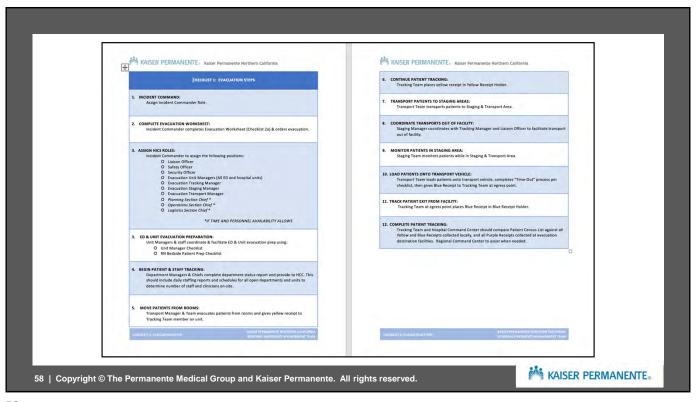


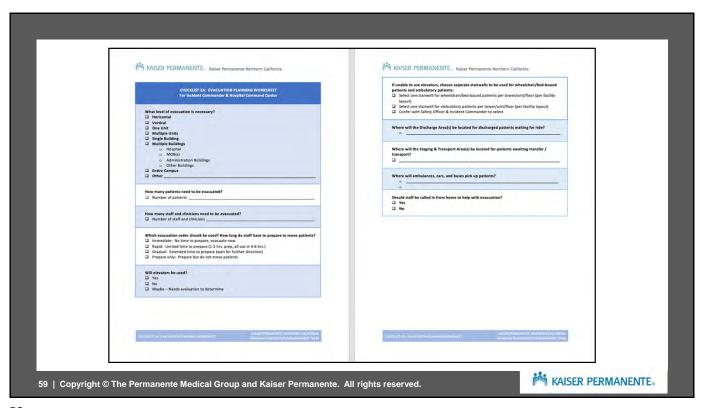
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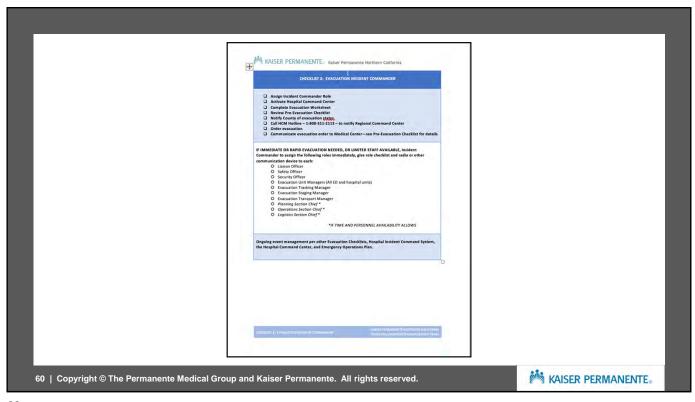


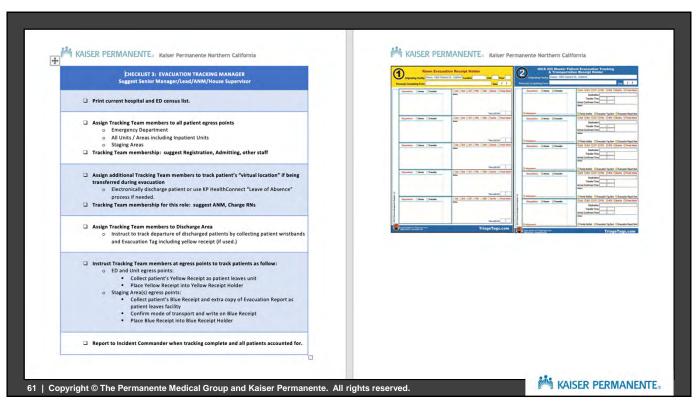


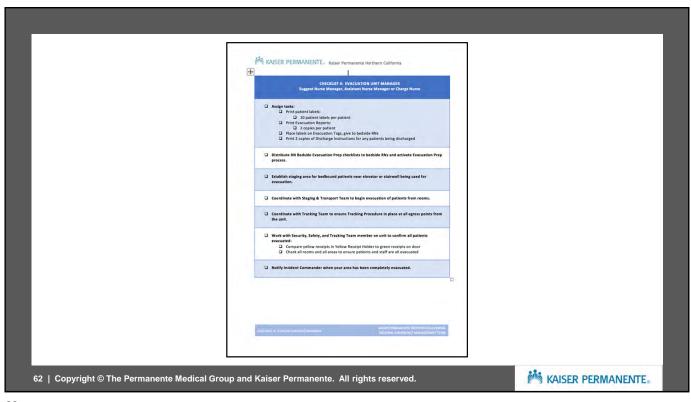


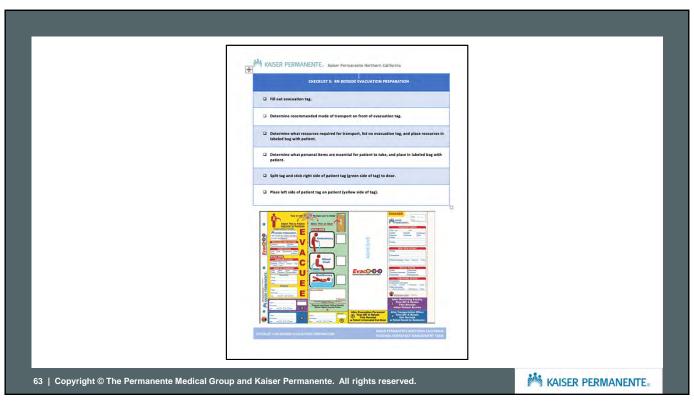


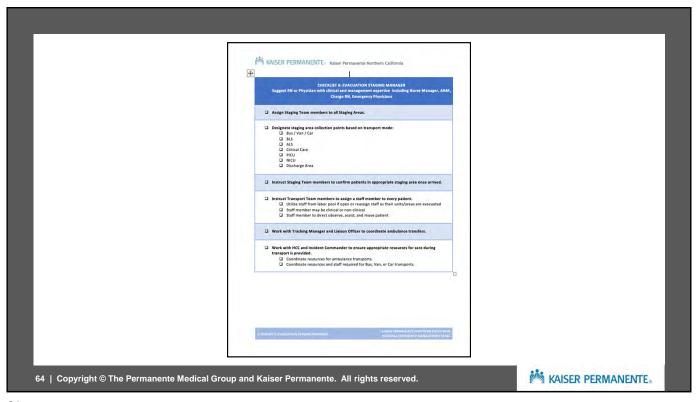


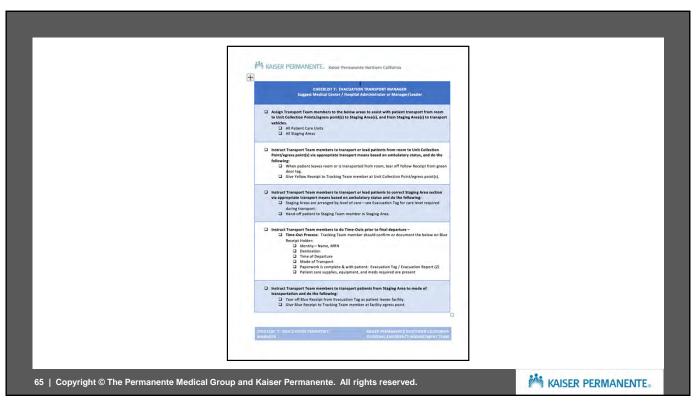


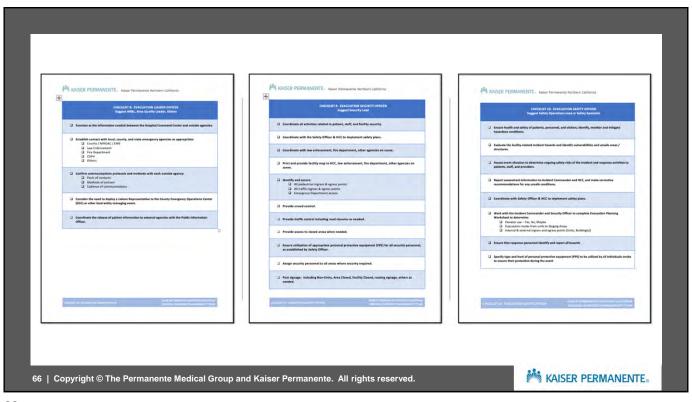












# Electronic Medical Record (KP HealthConnect) Evacuation Functionality

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#### **Electronic Medical Record Tools**



#### **Patient Census Report**

#### **Evacuation Report**

Brief patient summaries

Patient demographics

Medical problems--hospital / non-

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Current inpatient / outpatient

medications

**Allergies** 

Most recent vital signs

#### Rapid electronic discharge function

"Leave of Absence"

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# Evacuation Toolkit Template

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#### **Electronic Medical Record Job Aids**

Evacuation Report Instructions Leave of Absence-Type Functionality

#### **Training Resources:**

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# The Evacuation Toolkit: Making It Your Own Create, Implement, Train

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# Making It Your Own: Creating & Implementing

#### **Create Evacuation Toolkit**

- •Create (adapt) evacuation toolkit
- Test toolkit
- •Get stakeholder buy-in
- •Re-test a sample of the customized evacuation kit to ensure alignment before purchase if using vendor

#### **Implement Evacuation Toolkit**

- •Identify ownership for rollout in medical center(s)
- •Coordinate meetings & tabletop exercise(s) to socialize & educate
- •Update Code language and/or policies as needed
- •Ensure storage location (electronic and physical) has been identified

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## **Making It Your Own: Training**

#### Develop Training Plan: Who, What, Where, When, How, & Why

- Define target audience(s) and training objectives
- Determine what content will meet audience-specific objectives
- Establish training mode(s) and timing
  - Education session / tabletop / functional exercise
  - Virtual / in-person
  - Real-time /on-demand / Just-In-Time

#### **Create / Compile Training Materials**

- Medical center/healthcare system-specific plans & checklists
- Leverage vendor education tools as appropriate

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# **Questions?**



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