

# Victims pour into Botsford

It was a disaster of major proportions. The casualties poured through the hospital's emergency room door, most of them young, high school age. The type of injuries varied, but despite the ever-increasing numbers the hospital

staff never panicked or wavered. It might have been a scene one would expect to witness at a hospital near Mt. St. Helens. But it wasn't — it was at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. Thank goodness it wasn't a real

emergency. It was, instead, a way for the osteopathic hospital to celebrate National Osteopathic Hospital Week. The staff was tested with a "mock disaster," with students from Farmington High School filling in as "injuries."

devices which simulate broken bones, cuts and abrasions, which were applied to parts of their bodies to add realism to the drills.

The principal purpose behind the drill was to test the hospital's ability to respond in a crisis situation, when an inordinate number of trauma victims might be brought to the hospital.

Such practice drills are required on a yearly basis if a hospital is to retain its accredited status with the American Osteopathic Association.

Staff photos  
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Attendants Russ Yerge and Frank Lapasinkas (left) rush diabetic patient Nancy McGovern into the emergency room. Delores Shady, on stretcher at left, waits further treatment for a head injury.



Dr. Sander Lipman treats Nancy McGovern, who's acting the part of a comatose diabetic.



It looks like a nasty gash on Beth Pierson's chin that nurse Regina Kramer is attending to, but it's just part of the mock disaster staged at Botsford Hospital.



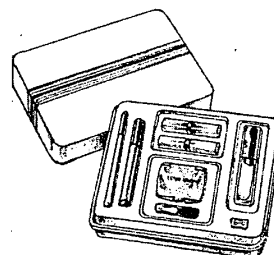
Janet Davidson, one of the Farmington High School volunteer victims, wears a "moulage," a device which simulates broken bones, cuts, abrasions, etc.

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