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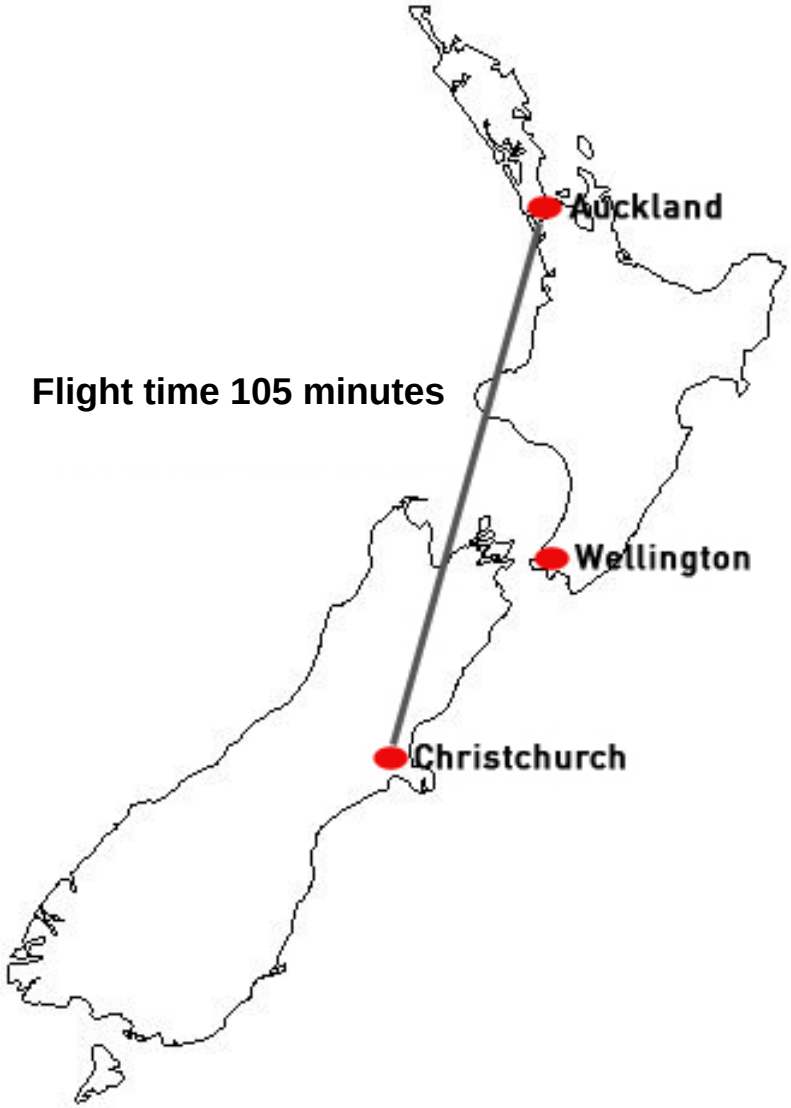

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Preparedness

- Established an Incident Room
- Availability of off duty staff for the first three days
- Consumable supplies
- Availability of back up and

  additional aircraft & Flight Crew

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Preparedness Cont.

- Pre and post flight engineering checks
- Monitored the Christchurch airport closures
- Availability of fuel at Christchurch
- ADHB disaster Management team updates
- Planning for multiple patient transports

Preparedness Cont.

- Use of medical teams for military if requested
- Reviewed and updated on a regular basis
- Communication with the Christchurch Transport Coordinator
- Regular updates for the Staff
- Road transport at Christchurch

Air desk

- Requested aircraft to transport St John response teams to Christchurch
- Coordinated all requests for transport out of Christchurch
- Tasked the most appropriate provider
- Booked all road ambulances

  at both ends of the missions

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Response

- Tasked to respond with two medical teams
- Pre-flight briefing, little details of patients condition, was available (Planned for the most critical cases)
- Pre mission brief, assigned the medical team leader
- 3 x Flight nurses on with multiple ventilated patients

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The scene

- Medical team leader assigned teams for patients
- F N Coordinator liaised between both teams
- Preparation for transport
- Ambulances to transport at the same time

Transport

- Coordinated for both ends of the mission
- Communications maintained with both referring and receiving hospitals

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Post missions

- Debrief
- Monitored fatigue and staff well being
- Communications updated staff

Repatriation

- Patients returned to Christchurch over the following weeks and months
- On-going care and rehabilitation

Summary

- The importance of preparedness
- Communication
- Continuous reassessment
- Staff welfare

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