

# Street Medicine Pocket Guide

## Protecting health during encampment sweeps



## Before Sweeps

1. Educate patients about street sweeps, what they can expect, & their rights.
2. Proactively develop a relocation plan with patients.
3. Plan for loss of communication.
4. Provide tools to protect critical documents, medications, & other essential resources.
5. Develop “sweep-resilient” medical treatment plans.
6. Increase harm reduction efforts.
7. Provide more basic necessities.
8. Establish communication with relevant authorities to stay informed & advocate for trauma-informed approaches.

## During Sweeps - Key Considerations

1. Presence or non-presence during sweeps
2. Engaging (or not) with law enforcement and officials
3. Advocacy for patients: when and how?
4. Providing medical & mental health support
5. Logistical support: to what extent?

## After Sweeps

1. Locate displaced patients as quickly as possible.
2. Replenish critical survival supplies, including food, water, & harm reduction supplies.
3. Reestablish medical treatment plans & replace lost medications.
4. Re-establish trust & support patients to process trauma and grief.