Dr. Rajan Gupta, team leader of Dartmouth Team One, speaking Monday, Jan. 18 2010 via telephone from Hinche, Haiti:

“The most common injury is, broadly speaking, crush-type injuries. The difficulty in treating them is simply... we can surgically stabilize fractures and debride and take care of the wounds and so forth... it’s just the overall care of the patient as far as advanced laboratory diagnostic studies, radiological and laboratory diagnostic studies, that are very limited.

“We're at a basic level of care right now, it is equipment, supplies. The demand, whatever’s coming in from all the different sources into Port-au-Prince, as we all know by the news media for the first few days ... it was all blocked up at the airport simply because of lack of infrastructure to distribute. And while I guess that’s beginning to improve, the demand across the whole region is so great that the supplies are just going everywhere and being used immediately. Now we’re realizing we need more supplies.

“For right now, for personnel, we’re doing OK as far as providers, supplies are always an issue. It’s very rudimentary, our level of care here. Really, there’s no sense in bringing advanced equipment, however, even basic equipment... we didn’t even know what to expect. We brought some stuff with us, but we’re constantly in communication with Dartmouth-Hitchcock and people from Dartmouth College... We’ll probably be sending a second team tomorrow, so we’ll be very specific on equipment we need that they can bring with them to help us out.”