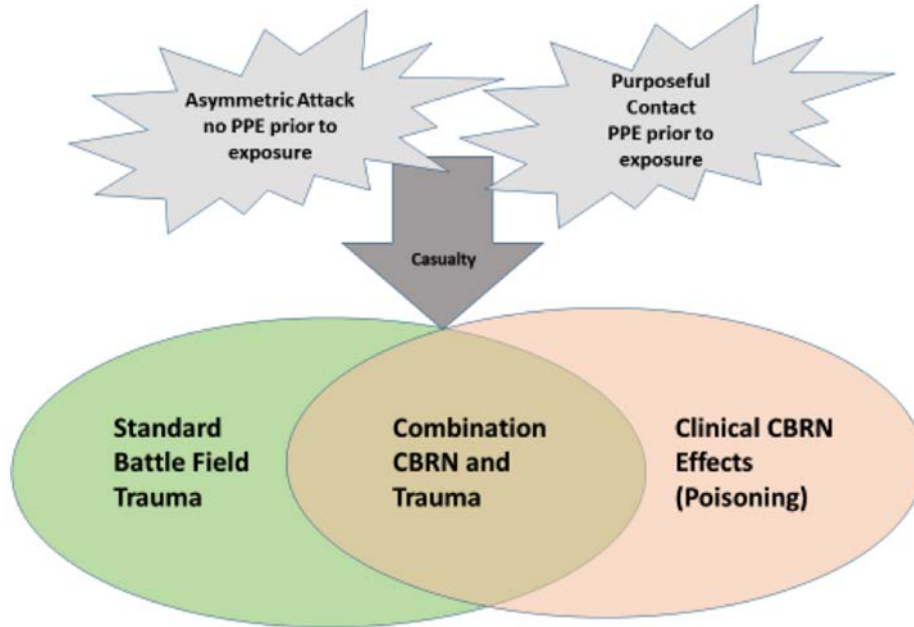


Figure 2. CBRN Casualties.



CRESS: A SIMPLIFIED APPROACH TO CBRN CASUALTY ASSESSMENT

A tool to rapidly evaluate for CBRN injuries is the CRESS algorithm. (Table 2)

After using the CRESS algorithm to rule out or rule in a CBRN injury, and first responders donning PPE if present, the (MARCHE)² algorithm should be applied to evaluate for and manage CBRN and traumatic injuries.

Table 2. Chemical casualty assessment

C	Consciousness (unconscious, seizures, depressed consciousness, agitation)
R	Respirations (present or absent, labored, increased or decreased)
E	Eyes (constricted, dilated, normal)
S	Secretions (dry, normal, increased)
S	Skin (diaphoretic, dry, hot, cyanosis)