

WHO SHOULD GET THE PENICILLIN? Exercise

Situation

In 1943 penicillin, which is used for the prevention and cure of infection, was in short supply among the U.S. armed forces in North Africa. Decisions had to be made whether to use this meager supply for the thousands of hospitalized victims of venereal disease or for the thousands of victims of battle wounds at the front. If you were a member of a team of medical and military personnel, whom would you use the penicillin for and why?

_____ Victims of venereal disease

_____ Victims of battle wounds

Share your position and rationale with your group. Stick to your guns unless you are logically persuaded otherwise. At the same time, help your group achieve consensus on this issue.

