Hospital Program HF Net Script
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Start listening on the frequency about 30 minutes before net. If someone asks "Is the frequency in use?" Politely tell them that you have a net scheduled to start at 7 PM, but that they're welcome to use it until then. They usually move along!

Start listening/calling for casual contacts about 10-15 minutes before the official net start.

"CQ CQ CQ This is <your call-sign> calling for casual early contacts before the MDC Section Hospital Program HF Net, which will start at 7 PM. CQ CQ CQ."

Build the initial list of early check-ins, and have some fun.

At 7 PM, start the official net:
Welcome to the Maryland/DC Section Hospital Program HF Net for <month, year>. The net control station is K3ERA, with <call sign> <name>, operating. This is a directed net. All transmissions should be addressed to Net Control, K3ERA. This is not an emergency net. Any station with emergency traffic should break in and assume use of this frequency.

This net is held on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7 PM local time, on 3820 kHz (give or take a kHz or two for band conditions). All amateur radio operators are welcome to check in. The purpose of this net is to encourage members of the Maryland/DC Section and the Prince George's County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (PGARES) to verify effective operations in the HF band. Hospitals in Prince George's County are equipped with VHF/UHF amateur radio stations, which we exercise several times a year, but their operating range is limited. In the event of a widespread disaster, the HF band may be needed to reach outside the local area.

For more information, see our web site: PGARES.ORG (Papa Golf Alpha, Romeo Echo Sierra dot Oscar Romeo Golf). This is K3ERA.

Here is the list of current check-ins:
Read the list, just call-signs.

I will now accept additional check-ins. Please come with your call-sign only, and pause while I recognize each check-in individually. Who's first?

Build the list of check-ins, replying with the call-sign, and asking for the name and location of each check-in. When everyone has checked in, present any announcements you know of, and/or invite one or more PGARES officials to make announcements. After the official announcements, run through the list, inviting comments from check-ins and giving reception reports. "You are ten over S9", for example. After making a pass through the list, invite late check-ins.

Are there any further operators who wish to check in? Everyone is welcome. This is K3ERA.
<Add to the log, if anyone responds, and invite comments.>
Does anyone have a follow-up comment for the net? Please respond with your call sign.
<Accept comments, if any.>
Our next Maryland/DC Hospital Program Net will be on <next-month> <day>, at 7 PM. I am now closing the net for <month>. Thanks to everyone who checked in. This has been K3ERA, with <your call-sign> operating.