

**Unit 9: Emergency Preparedness**  
**Z-Chapter 26**  
**ONLINE CONTENT (1 H)**

**Unit Objectives:**

- Identify regulatory initiatives undertaken to prevent and respond to future emergencies, including pandemics. (1,2,7)\*
- Discuss the variety of diseases or agents that are likely to be involved in a biologic, chemical, or radiologic terrorism attack in addition to the clinical and community health consequences of each. (2,7)\*
- Identify approaches to enhance personal and family preparedness for emergencies. (7)\*

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Review the information provided on the CDC website: <https://emergency.cdc.gov/health-professionals.asp> and place your answers to the following questions in the Z-CH # 26 drop box by 0800 on April 1, 2024.

**COCA- clinical outreach and community activity:**

Address what COCA does, who they serve, resources and services.

**CERC- Crisis emergency risk communication:**

What is CERC?

CERC is a program that provides trainings, tools, and resources to help health communicators, emergency responders, and leaders of organizations communicate effectively about risks during emergencies.

What type of training is available through CERC?

CERC training helps participants understand CERC principles and recommended practices and how applying them can help reduce harm during an emergency response. Training includes in-depth practice on a variety of skills and techniques relevant to crisis and emergency risk communication.

Who is the training for?

Public health professionals and emergency responders

What Information is found on the CERC wallet card?

Things to help build trust and credibility between you and your clients. Some tips to help you.

Things to know as a spokesperson. Questions you should be prepared to answer and messages to give to your clients.

**Emergency Partners Information Connection (EPIC):**

What is the role of EPIC?

EPIC connects with partners to provide better access to information during a public health emergency.

**Health Alert network (HAN):**

What is the purpose?

HAN provides urgent notifications about public health incidents and emerging health threats.

**Report on HAN No. 518-**Disruptions in Availability of Peritoneal Dialysis and Intravenous Solutions from Baxter International Facility in North Carolina. Provide a summary of the

information from this update including recommendations for healthcare providers and the public?

The CDC has issued a Health Advisory about a supply disruption of peritoneal dialysis and IV solutions from Baxter International's North Cove facility in North Carolina, caused by Hurricane Helene. This disruption may affect patient care, requiring healthcare providers and administrators to assess their supplies and create plans to minimize the impact on patients. All healthcare professionals and health departments are urged to take action, regardless of supply chain issues.

Please be prepared to share and discuss your answers in class.

***In order to receive full credit (1 H class time) for this assignment, it must be completed in its entirety by the due date/time assigned. Any assignments not completed in its entirety by the assigned due date and time will result in missed class time.***