

**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.

COCA provides timely accurate and credible information to clinicians related to emergency preparedness and response and emergency public health threats. COCA fosters partnership with national clinicians' organizations to strengthen information sharing that works before, during, and after a public health emergency. COCA provides information to clinics.

**CERC- Crisis emergency risk communication:**

What is CERC?

CERC helps communication and emergency responders better reach people with lifesaving information about disasters and other public health emergencies.

What type of training is available through CERC? The program provides training, tools, and resources to help health communicators, emergency responders, and leaders of organizations communicate effectively about risks during emergencies. It is provided virtually and in person.

Who is the training for? The training is for emergency responders and public health professionals.

What Information is found on the CERC wallet card?

The CERC wallet card has ways to build trust and express credibility, top tips for crisis, what to know as a spokesperson, questions to prepare to answer, and stay on messages.

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

What is the role of EPIC?

The role of EPIC connects with partners to provide people with better access to information during public health emergencies.

**Health Alert network (HAN):**

What is the purpose? HAN is the CDC's primary method of sharing clear information about urgent public health incidents with public information officers. These include federal, state, territorial, tribal, local public health practitioners, clinicians, and public health laboratories.

**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.

Hurricane Milton affected the largest manufacture of peritoneal dialysis and intravenous solution in the United States which has caused a halt in the process of the products. This is going to affect all the facilities that use these products. Healthcare providers are encouraged to assess their inventory and conserve available solutions. Notify the providers that with the shortage and if they can order medications another way it would be best to conserve what supplies they have. Ensure the patients that do at home peritoneal dialysis know to communicate with their healthcare team when they are running low on supplies so they can ensure they get what that patient needs. It may take more time, and the supplies are going to have to be monitored.

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.***