

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. [Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity \(COCA\)](#) provides timely, accurate, and credible information to clinicians related to emergency preparedness and response and emerging public health threats. COCA fosters partnerships with national clinician organizations to strengthen information-sharing networks before, during, and after a public health emergency.

CERC- Crisis emergency risk communication:

What is CERC? [Crisis and emergency risk communication](#)

What type of training is available through CERC? [Lifesaving information about disasters and other public health emergencies.](#)

Who is the training for? [Emergency responders](#)

What Information is found on the CERC wallet card? [The printable CERC is a quick reference for communication during an emergency.](#)

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? [Provides vital health information and the infrastructure to support dissemination at state and local levels.](#)

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 is issuing this HAN health advisory to inform healthcare providers. The supply distribution may impact patient care and require adjustments. Regardless of supply chain disruptions, should immediately assess their supply and develop plans and mitigation strategies to reduce the impact on patient care.](#)

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.