

**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 information to clinicians about emergency preparedness and response and emerging public health threats.

**CERC- Crisis emergency risk communication:**

What is CERC? It is a program that provides training, tools and resources to help health communicators, emergency responders, and leaders of organizations communicate effectively about risk during emergencies.

What type of training is available through CERC? Training includes in-depth practice on a variety of skills and techniques relevant to crisis and emergency risk communication. Who is the training for? Organizations, individual

What Information is found on the CERC wallet card? F or communicators during an emergency. The card have tips on how to build trust and credibility by expressing, preparing to answer these questions, top tips.

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

What is the role of EPIC? Connect 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?

Immediately assess their supply and develop plans and mitigation strategies to reduce to impact on patient care. Strategies must ensure patient safety, timely, and effective safety notifications and education of healthcare personnel and patients.

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.***