

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 helps strengthen the emergency response capacity of clinicians through promoting emergency preparedness. They collaborate with physicians, nurses, medics, and many others. Through continuing education, they increase clinicians' knowledge in public health.

CERC- Crisis emergency risk communication:

What is CERC?

Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication

What type of training is available through CERC?

Introduction to CERC is an 8 hour course that can be taken in person or virtually. CERC for Leaders is a 4 hour course for emergency response leaders. CERC workshop is a 2-3 hour course that provides an overview. A CERC presentation provides a trainer to speak to an organization for 60 minutes.

Who is the training for?

The training can be utilized by organizations or individuals.

What Information is found on the CERC wallet card?

The wallet card is a quick reference for information of building trust and credibility, top tips, speaking as a spokesperson, preparing for questions, and staying on message.

Emergency Partners Information Connection (EPIC):

What is the role of EPIC?

EPIC is a network of community organizations, professional association, and government agents that provide better access to information during a public health emergency.

Health Alert network (HAN):

What is the purpose?

The health alert network (HAN) is the CDC's primary method of sharing information about urgent public health incidents.

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?

This report is to notify health care providers of the shortage of peritoneal dialysis supplies due to the effects of hurricane Helen on the Baxter facility. This shortage may impact patient care and require adjustment to treatment. Recommendations include assessing inventory, optimizing the use of IV solutions, ensuring multidisciplinary involvement, and communicate changes.

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.