

**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 emerging public health threats. The training is for a range of clinical professionals like physicians, nurses, or pharmacists. Some resources are CDC resources, federal resources, or partner resources.

**CERC- Crisis emergency risk communication:**

What is CERC?

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

What type of training is available through CERC?

Introduction to CERC, CERC for leaders, CERC workshop, or CERC presentation.

Who is the training for?

The training is for organizations or individuals interested in the CERC program.

What Information is found on the CERC wallet card?

The CERC wallet card summarizes CERC and is a quick reference for communicators 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?

HAN is CDC's primary method of sharing cleared information about urgent public health incidents with public information officers; federal, state, territorial, tribal, and 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?

The HAN put out an advisory letting people know that due to hurricane Helene, peritoneal dialysis and IV solutions are experiencing a disruption in supply. They recommend everyone check their supply and develop strategies to conserve what they have. Also, to develop a facility wide plan to optimize the use of IV solutions using evidence-based practice and to communicate these new changes to all staff. They recommend considering the priority patients to receive these solutions. They recommend everyone to keep situational awareness of the situation and implement new strategies.

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.***