

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.

Timely, accurate, and credible information to clinicians related to emergency preparedness and response and emerging public health threats. Partners 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?

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?

CSC's CERC program offers in-person and virtual CERC training for individuals and organizations.

Who is the training for?

Organizations.

What Information is found on the CERC wallet card?

Summarizes CERC and is a quick reference for communicators during and emergency.

Emergency Partners Information Connection (EPIC):

What is the role of EPIC?

Connects with partners to provide better access to information during a public health emergency.

Health Alert network (HAN):

What is the purpose?

Provides urgent notifications about public health incidents and emerging health.

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 health alert was to notify healthcare facilities that there was a supply disruption of peritoneal dialysis and IV solutions from a facility in NC due to the hurricane. The statement also recommended that facilities assess their supply of these items and develop a plan to lessen the effects of this disruption. Another recommendation was to communicate with the patients who were receiving dialysis to discuss other options.

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.