

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 disseminates evidence-based information and public health safety information, collaborates with clinicians to develop communication strategies that reduce health risk opportunities during public emergencies, and they promote emergency preparedness and response training to clinicians so they are ready for emergencies. They serve physicians, nurses, physicians assistants, medics, vets, epidemiologists, and plenty more healthcare workers. There are training programs and other resources listed under their name.

CERC- Crisis emergency risk communication:

What is CERC? It helps team members and health care providers collaborate and communicate effectively about risks during emergencies.

What type of training is available through CERC? You can either do in person or virtual training. It is relevant to crisis and emergency risk communication.

Who is the training for? It does not list specifically who this training would be beneficial for so it lists a link for you to contact for you to see if you are the type of person that can benefit from the training.

What Information is found on the CERC wallet card? It has tips, questions, and messages for you to look at for a quick reference if you need to see it in a quick instance.

Emergency Partners Information Connection (EPIC):

What is the role of EPIC?

EPIC helps distribute information from the CDC during times of emergency or crisis.

Health Alert network (HAN):

What is the purpose? The purpose is to be able to distribute rapid public health information that is widely accessible in times of need.

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 first thing that is recommended is that all facilities need to assess their IV solution supplies and determine the impact that this will have on them. Then, they need to implement action plans and protocols that optimize the use of their current solutions on deck that still remains evidence based. Then, all facilities need to include all team members and determine conservation strategies that will allow for conservation of the current and future solutions that they will have. Furthermore, any changes in the plan will need to be communicated to all members so everyone works as a team and they all stay on the same page.

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.