

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)*

*Course Objectives

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.

It helps healthcare providers stay informed about emergencies and public health threats. It serves clinicians with updates, guidance, and training resources to improve preparedness and response.

CERC- Crisis emergency risk communication:

What is CERC? CERC (Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication) trains professionals to share clear, effective messages during crises.

What type of training is available through CERC? Communication principles, message development, audience engagement, and handling misinformation. It includes online courses, webinars, and training materials for public health professionals, emergency responders, and risk communicators.

Who is the training for? It is for public health professionals, emergency responders, healthcare workers, and risk communicators who need to share clear information during crises.

What information is found on the CERC wallet card? Wallet card is a quick reference tool for communicators during emergencies. It summarizes key CERC principles, serving as a concise guide to effective crisis communication strategies.

Emergency Partners Information Connection (EPIC):

What is the role of EPIC? It is a program by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that collaborates with a bunch of organizations for public access to information during public health emergencies. It focuses on reaching individuals who may have limited access to information, ensuring that all communities receive timely and accurate health communications.

Health Alert network (HAN):

What is the purpose? The Health Alert Network (HAN) quickly shares critical public health information.

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?

Hurricane Helene disrupted Baxter's North Carolina facility, causing shortages of peritoneal dialysis (PD) and IV solutions. The recommendations are that healthcare providers monitor inventory, conserve supplies, and explore alternatives. Hospitals develop contingency plans and prioritize usage. Lastly, patients consult doctors for alternative treatments.

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.