

Unit 9: Emergency Preparedness
Z-Chapter 26
ONLINE CONTENT (1 H)

COCA- clinical outreach and community activity:

Address what COCA does, who they serve, resources and services.

- Provides timely, accurate, and credible information to clinicians related to emergency preparedness and response and emerging public health threats. COCA fosters partnerships 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?

- CERC helps communicators and emergency responders better reach people with lifesaving information about disasters and other public health emergencies. CDC's CERC program offers in-person and virtual CERC trainings for individuals and organizations.

What type of training is available through CERC?

- Introduction to CERC is a full-day (8-hour) CERC training that helps participants understand CERC principles and recommended practices and how applying them can help reduce harm during an emergency response. Training includes in-depth practice on a variety of skills and techniques relevant to crisis and emergency risk communication. When conducted virtually, this course usually takes place over the course of two consecutive days in four-hour sessions.

Who is the training for?

- For Organizations and individuals

What Information is found on the CERC wallet card?

- How to Build Trust and credibility
- Communication as a spokesperson and what to know to be prepared
- How to prepare for questions that may be asked by families, and what questions to ask them.
- Quotes on how to stay on the message you want to give.

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?

- CDC's Health Alert Network (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?

- Disruptions of availability of Peritoneal Dialysis and IV solutions are from Hurricane Helene's damage. The damage from the storm lead to sterile fluids, dialysis solutions being contaminated and destroyed.
- Recommendations include assessing supply, and conserve available IV solutions.
- Implement a facility-specific action plan to optimize the use of IV solutions using evidence-based fluid management protocols.
- Ensure multidisciplinary team involvement to determine and develop conservation and stewardship strategies using IV solutions in specific patient populations.
- Communicate changes in current practice, disruption, new shortages, and action plan adjustments to hospital leadership and frontline staff.
- Maintain situational awareness.

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.