

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.

- What COCA Does:
 - COCA provides timely, accurate, and credible information to clinicians related to emergency preparedness and response and emerging public health threats
- Who COCA Serves:
 - Clinical Professionals such as:
 - Physicians
 - Nurses
 - Physician's Assistants
 - Pharmacists
 - Paramedics
 - Veterinarians
 - Epidemiologists
 - Public Health Practitioners
 - State/Local Health Department Officials
- COCA Resources and Services:
 - COCA Calls
 - Clinical Support via Direct Email

CERC- Crisis Emergency Risk Communication:

- What is CERC?
 - CERC is a program that helps Communicators and Emergency Responders better reach people with Lifesaving Information about Disasters and Public Health Emergencies

- What type of training is available through CERC?
 - CERC for Leaders
 - CERC Workshop
 - CERC Presentation

- Who is the training for?
 - Organizations
 - Individuals

- What Information is found on the CERC Wallet Card?
 - Information regarding:
 - How to “Build Trust and Credibility”
 - “Top Tips”
 - “Spokesperson” Information
 - How to “Prepare to Answer Listed Questions”
 - How to “Stay on Message”

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’s Purpose is to share CDC Cleared Information about Urgent Public Health Incidents to:
 - Public Information Officers
 - Federal, State, Territorial, Tribal, and Local Public Health Practitioners
 - Clinicians
 - 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 overall message regarding HAN No. 518 is to inform those whom it may concern that facilities will need to conserve their overall fluid inventory and avoid wasting fluid supply. The report instructs that all facilities should: Assess their Fluid Inventory/Supplies, Implement a Plan to Optimize their IV Solutions, Ensure Multidisciplinary Team Involvement, and Communicate the “Fluid Conservation” Protocol/Changes to all Frontline Staff.

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.