

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.

The clinical outreach and community activity helps to increase the strength of the emergency response capacity of clinicians. They do this by utilizing evidence-based practice, collaborating, and promoting the emergency preparedness response with training opportunities. This serves a wide range of medical professionals including nurses as well as physicians. COCA provides opportunities for continuing education as well as training resources such as COCA Calls, clinical support via email, and how to get the education directly.

CERC- Crisis emergency risk communication:

What is CERC?

Crisis emergency risk communication is a system created to help communicators and emergency responders be able to reach those in needs of assistance better and provide lifesaving information.

What type of training is available through CERC?

There is a full 8-hour day of training that helped those interested to learn the skills provided.

Who is the training for?

CERC training is for all public health professionals and emergency responders.

What Information is found on the CERC wallet card?

The information on the CERC wallet card includes attitudes to express, tips to keep in mind, things you should be doing as a spokesperson, questions to be prepared to answer, and a reminder to always stay on the phone or whatever messaging system being used.

Emergency Partners Information Connection (EPIC):

What is the role of EPIC?

The role of EPIC is for times of crisis or emergencies where we need information fast. It distributes knowledge from the CDC in order for the best possible outcome especially to those with limited access.

Health Alert network (HAN):

What is the purpose?

The purpose of HAN is to have access to cleared information about public health incidents with professional personnel such as officers, federal, state, territorial, tribal, and local health practitioners.

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?

Due to hurricane Helene, there has been a drastic decrease in supplies for those who require peritoneal dialysis and who need IV fluids. This announcement is to give healthcare staff a heads up to be able to prepare on how they can keep patient care exceptional while also keeping in mind the shortage and only using what is necessary. This announcement also provides a list of ideas and tips on how to manage this during this time such as communication with patient's as well as other 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.