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Joint Commission Resources 3rd Annual Emergency Preparedness Conference, Abstracts Welcomed

Earthquakes, tornados, heat waves, floods, oil spills, fires, nuclear accidents, dirty bombs, pandemic flu, terrorism threats, hurricanes, blackouts, blizzards; the list of disasters is endless – and continues to grow. On average, natural disasters cause 185 deaths per day, and the loss of human life, the physical and environmental damages, the disruption to school, homes, business, and productivity and the financial impact can be devastating to any community or country. But the impact of many disasters can be sharply reduced if we make an effort to assess risk, and develop and test contingency plans for disaster response before it happens, rather than after the damage has been done.

Joint Commission Resources (JCR) is pleased to present its third annual emergency preparedness conference at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center in Alexandria, Virginia, on October 10 and 11, 2007. This outstanding program will provide attendees with new ideas, concrete tools, tips, checklists and strategies to help them prepare their organizations and jurisdictions for peak performance, self-sufficiency and constant readiness. Once again, JCR is partnering with the Yale New Haven Center for Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response on the scientific abstract session for the conference. Providing a forum for you to share your experience and expertise with colleagues from around the country, the abstract session will be even bigger and better than last year, with 25 submissions being selected for poster presentation and two selected for platform presentation during the conference plenary sessions on October 11, 2007. For more information on the abstract submission process, please go to <http://yalenewhavenhealth.org/emergency/disasterconferenc>. For more information or to register for this conference, please visit <http://www.jcrinc.com/24835/>, or call JCR Customer Service at (877) 223-6866.

Yale New Haven Health System Pandemic Influenza Tabletop Exercise: **New**



On June 1, 2007, the Yale New Haven Health System Delivery Networks (Bridgeport Hospital, Greenwich Hospital, Yale-New Haven Hospital, Yale New Haven Health System), participated in a Pandemic Influenza Tabletop Exercise (TTX) facilitated and evaluated by YNH-CEPDR. The scenario involved a pandemic event and its effects on Connecticut. Players discussed several issues including the role of the Hospital Incident Command System, implementation of the Delivery Networks Emergency Management Plans, development and dissemination of public information and the ability to mitigate the impact of a pandemic event while addressing the overall needs of the Delivery Networks' staff, patients and patients' families. An after action conference is planned for early July. For more information, please contact Mike Mozzer at (203) 688-2594 or at michael.mozzer@ynhh.org.

Avian Influenza: **New**

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the cumulative number of confirmed cases of avian influenza H5N1 as of June 6, 2007, is 310 cases and 189 deaths.

- On June 4, 2007, the CDC with input from other Federal partners, have developed a "Hospital Pandemic Influenza Planning Checklist" to help hospitals assess and improve their preparedness for responding to pandemic influenza. Because of differences among hospitals (e.g., characteristics of the patient population, size of the hospital/community, scope of services), each hospital will need to adapt this checklist to meet its unique needs and circumstances. To access this checklist, please visit <http://www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/healthcare/hospitalchecklist.html>.
- After nearly a year of refusing to participate in sample sharing efforts, China resumed sending H5N1 samples to the World Health Organization (WHO). WHO confirmed that two of the three samples promised by China had arrived in the United States this week. The third sample, from a soldier who died in 2003, is apparently being held up by complicated military procedures. For more information go to: <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/influenza/panflu/news/may2507samples.html>
- The World Health Assembly passed a general resolution in support of the "timely sharing of viruses" and the "fair and equitable sharing" of vaccines among member states. The resolution, titled "Sharing of Influenza Viruses and Access to Vaccines and other Benefits" emphasizes the need for collective cooperation by global researchers as well as the necessity of making the benefits of that research affordable to all countries. More information on the resolution can be found at the following Websites:
World Health Organization (WHO): <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2007/wha02/en/index.html>
Financial Times: <http://www.ft.com/cms/s/adaaaa0a-08e4-11dc-b11e-000b5df10621.html>
Washington Post: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/05/22/AR2007052200832.html?tid=informbox>
Statement by Mike Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2007pres/05/pr20070523a.html>

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New SMART Triage Tag Standard in CT, Effective August 1, 2007: **New**



On April 11, 2007, J. Robert Galvin, MD, MPH the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Public Health, issued a memo stating that

SMART Triage tags will be the standard used by all Connecticut EMS Care provider services." To facilitate this action, there will be a series of train-the-trainer courses; one course in each of the five CT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) regions. In addition, the State is providing the initial cache of necessary equipment for first responders and first receivers. Each EMS department will be receiving a complete 'Command Pack' and each EMS responder vehicle (including ambulances, and first responder rescue vehicles and police cars) will receive a triage pouch. Additional materials will be provided to the hospitals.

The train-the-trainer program is free of charge, and is open to about 40 individuals per session on a first-come basis. Trainers are expected to assist in dissemination of the information to their own, and surrounding response agencies. For more information regarding the programs, please contact your local EMS Regional Council office. To register for one of the courses, log into the <http://ct.train.org> website. After logging-in, look in the lower right-hand corner of the screen and enter the course number in the "Search by Course ID" box. The course # is 1009063. For more information training dates, please visit http://www.ynhhs.org/emergency/SMART_Regional-TrainingRegistration.pdf. For more information, please contact David Burich at david.burich@ynhh.org or (203) 688-3721.

Connecticut Department of Public Health Releases Respiratory Care Directors' Ventilator Recommendations

The Department of Public Health (DPH) has released ventilator purchasing guidelines developed by the Respiratory and Pulmonary Care Services Directors of Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) member hospitals. The respiratory directors identified a set of selection criteria and reviewed ventilators from six companies before recommending the VIASYS Vela ventilator along with other respiratory care supplies. The full list can be found at: http://www.ynhhs.org/emergency/RCD_Ventilator_Recommendation.DOC.

Avian Influenza:



The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has launched a five-week "Pandemic Flu Leadership Blog" in order to encourage public discussion on pandemic flu preparedness. The blog, which is being hosted by the Pandemicflu.gov website, will feature writings from leaders in the fields of public health, medicine, disaster preparedness, business, communications, etc. The public is invited to respond to the blog entries and post their comments. For more information, see the full article in CIDRAP: <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/influenza/panflu/news/may2207blog.html> or go directly to the blog at: <http://blog.pandemicflu.gov>.

FDA Finalizes Guidance for Pandemic and Seasonal Influenza Vaccines

On May 31, 2007, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued final recommendations to increase the supply of safe and effective influenza vaccines for both seasonal and pandemic use. The FDA recommends using recent technologies such as cell culture and recombinant manufacturing to enhance the development and evaluation of vaccines. They also recommend adding substances that improve the immune response from the vaccine (novel adjuvants). The guidance indicates that manufacturers should submit a new Biologics License Application (BLA) for the initial licensure of a pandemic or seasonal influenza vaccine to ensure that each pandemic and seasonal vaccine has its own trade name and labeling. For more information, please visit <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2007/NEW01645.html>.

CDC Guidelines for Large-Scale Influenza Vaccination Clinic Planning: **New**



The CDC has developed guidelines for large-scale influenza vaccination clinic planning to be used only in the event of a vaccine shortage. To facilitate the most efficient and safe delivery of available vaccine to the priority groups, recommendations and guidelines have been developed to assist with planning large-scale influenza vaccination clinics by public and private vaccination groups. Plans from private and public groups should be shared to identify best practices, avoid unnecessary overlapping of services, and maximize the effective and efficient delivery of influenza vaccinations. To read these guidelines, please visit http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/vaccination/vax_priority.htm.

HHS Buys Next Generation Smallpox Vaccine: **New**



Baby with Smallpox
Photo Credit: CDC

On June 4, 2007, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) awarded a contract for \$500 million to Bavarian Nordic A/S of Copenhagen, Denmark to manufacture and deliver 20 million doses of a next generation modified vaccinia Ankara (MVA) smallpox vaccine. The vaccine would be recommended in the event of a smallpox outbreak to protect people in the United States who have weakened immune systems. The MVA smallpox vaccine contains a highly weakened form of the vaccinia virus that cannot replicate in humans. The full supply of the vaccine will be added to the Strategic National Stockpile, a reserve of large quantities of medicine and medical supplies to protect the American public if there is a public health emergency. To read this release in full, please visit <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2007pres/06/pr20070604a.html>.

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www.yalenevnewhavenhealth.org/emergency

Tuberculosis Incident:

New



On June 6, 2007, a number of federal officials testified on Capitol Hill on the recent incident when a patient with a drug-resistant form of tuberculosis was allowed to travel internationally.

Several officials, including CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding testified on Capitol Hill before the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee. The hearing, entitled, "Cracks in the System: An Examination of One Tuberculosis Patient's International Public Health Threat," examined the system that the United States has in place to guard the nation's borders when facing a potential public health threat, and communicate with global organizations such as the World Health Organization. The Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives held a hearing on the topic at the same time with other top federal officials, including Commissioner W. Ralph Basham of the US Customs and Border Protection agency. To learn more about the testimony offered at these hearings, please go to <http://appropriations.senate.gov> and <http://homeland.house.gov>.

OSHA Pandemic Guidance for Healthcare Personnel Emphasizes Advance Preparation and Training

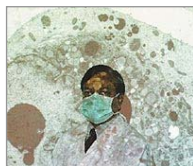
OSHA, along with the Department of Labor, has released a guide to occupational health issues related to hospital pandemic preparedness. The 104 page document, described by Eric Toner, M.D., as "clearly written" and "concise", is advisory rather than regulatory, and places a strong emphasis on the need for advance preparation and training. It states: "Training for a pandemic is essential to ensure continued effective operation of the facility. Cross training and volunteer training for essential functions should be initiated early in pandemic preparedness planning. If advance training is not an option, then ensure that protocols and resources for just-in-time training are in place. If possible, identify pools of back-up staff or volunteer staff and begin training these individuals in infection control practices and respiratory protection (including fit testing) to ensure smooth integration in the healthcare facility in the event of a pandemic." To read the full article by Dr. Toner, visit: http://www.upmc-cbn.org/report_archive/2007/05_may_2007/cbn_report_05242007.html.

The Incident Management Systems Division of FEMA Releases the Draft Emergency Responder Field Operating Guide (ERFOG)

The Incident Management Systems Division of FEMA is developing an Incident Command System (ICS) Emergency Responder Field Operating Guide (ERFOG). The purpose of the ERFOG is to assist emergency response personnel in the use and application of NIMS ICS during incident operations. This Guide contains the NIMS ICS approach to managing response operations for any incident, regardless of cause, size, type or complexity. This NIMS ICS approach allows for a standardized management system that is both flexible and scalable for use when responding to all hazards and in preparation for planned events. The Incident Management Systems Division has released a draft of the ERFOG for a 30 day national comment period. All comments are due to the Incident Management Systems Division by Friday, June 23, 2007. The draft can be located at the following link:

<http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/index.shtm>. If you would like to request a comment form, please email FEMA-NIMS@dhs.gov. While a comment form will help assure clarity and consistency, it is not a requirement. You may also submit your comments directly to that email address. It is the intent of the Incident Management Systems Division to make this ERFOG both valuable and user-friendly to the incident commander and emergency personnel in the field. To this end, the Division welcomes specific comments and general feedback regarding the content and layout of the Guide.

Bioactive Paper used in Hospital Masks and Gowns that Would Detect and Destroy Diseases is Being Developed: New



Biosheet
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CNEWS

The Sentinel Bioactive Paper Network, a Canadian research and industry consortium is working on developing "bioactive paper" products that would recognize dangerous bacteria and viruses, then repel or deactivate them. The Sentinel Bioactive Paper Network is comprised of researchers at 10 universities across Canada, government agencies and nine business partners that include pulp-and-paper companies. Working with a five-year, \$12-million grant from government and industry, the group hopes to develop a variety of products to decrease the threat from communicable diseases, food-borne illnesses and water contamination, while boosting Canada's forest-products industry. Robert Pelton, one of four Canadian scientists who came up with the bioactive paper idea, said the concept was born out of the SARS epidemic that hammered Toronto in 2003.

"One could imagine healthcare workers wearing disposable gowns and face masks, and it would have been better for them if perhaps these gowns and face masks were able to tell the person when they became contaminated. If you had a face mask that changed color or gave off a smell when it came into contact with the virus, it would alert the worker that they had a problem," said Pelton. To read this article in full, please visit <http://cnews.canoe.ca/CNEWS/Science/2007/05/23/4202651-cp.html>.

Mass Antibiotic Dispensing - June 21, 2007: New

On June 21, 2007, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. the CDC will be sponsoring a satellite and web broadcast on "Mass Antibiotic Dispensing: Taking the Guesswork out of the POD Design, A Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)". State and local emergency planners are in the process of designing their Points of Dispensing, or PODs. Planners have been calculating the number of PODs required to provide prophylaxis to the entire population within 48 hours and the number of people per hour (PPH) that must be served in each POD in order to achieve this 48-hour goal. One of the biggest challenges facing planners is determining how to allocate their limited POD staff. During the design process, planners are frequently forced to take educated guesses on the best POD layout and staff distribution. Until now, they needed to conduct expensive and time-consuming exercises and drills to verify the accuracy of their guesses. This broadcast will explore ways in which computer simulation and modeling software can assist planners in designing the most efficient PODs. Panelists will discuss several available computer models, how modeling fits in to the overall exercise program, how modeling can be used during an incident, and ways in which modeling can take some of the guesswork out of POD design and staff allocation. For more information, please visit <http://www2a.cdc.gov/PHTN/poddesign/default.asp>.

Education and Training Services

The May 2007 issue of *Environment of Care News*, the official Joint Commission newsletter, contains an article entitled "Managing an Emergency - Using NIMS and HICS to Navigate the Emergency Management Process" (for the entire article, please go to <http://www.jcrinc.com>.) The article broadly discusses the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) and the newest version of the Hospital Incident Command System (HICS.) "To be effective at emergency response, organizations must use an approach that is planned and structured yet flexible and scalable." YNH-CEPDR is committed to developing and delivering effective and scaleable services that advance healthcare planning, preparedness and response for emergencies and disasters. YNH-CEPDR offers the following services to hospitals, other healthcare delivery organizations, emergency management professionals, the business community and others.

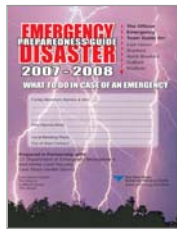
- o **ASSESSMENTS:** Hazard Vulnerability Analysis, Business Impact Analysis and Gap Analysis
- o **PLANNING:** Emergency management plans, emergency operations plans and business continuity plans
- o **EDUCATION and TRAINING:** Course development and course delivery in various modalities (including web-based)
- o **DRILLS and EXERCISES:** Design, development, facilitation and evaluation

For additional information about these services, please contact scott.selig@ynhh.org at (203) 688-2587 or kimberly.spaulding@ynhh.org at (203) 688-4482.

Positions Available at YNH-CEPDR

YNH-CEPDR has openings for Exercise Specialists, Regional Education Specialists, a Web Education Specialist and a Courseware Development Intern. Please contact Mark Schneider at (203) 688-2577 or mark.schneider@ynhh.org for more information, or apply online at <http://www.yalenehavenhealth.org/info/jobs.html>.

Emergency Disaster Preparedness Guide Published



Shore Publishing has released the 2007-2008 Emergency Disaster Preparedness Guide for East Haven, Branford, North Branford, Guilford and Madison. Yale-New Haven Shoreline Medical Center and the Yale New Haven Center for Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response are featured in this emergency town guide. Download the guide (1,546K PDF) at:

http://www.ynhh.org/shoreline/2007_emergency_guide.pdf

Strongest Cyclone in 60 Years Threaten the Arabian Peninsula: **New**



Cyclone Gonu
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On June, 6, 2007, tens of thousands were evacuated from the coastal towns of Oman and the major port of Sohar was closed as a weakening Cyclone Gonu roared toward the Strait of Hormuz, the world's major transport artery for Persian Gulf oil. Beach front residents of the city of 60,000 were leaving their homes, all threatened by rising tides and large waves pushed by the approaching storm. In the capital Muscat, parts of the city were without electricity as torrential rains brought visibility to nearly zero. For more information, please visit

http://www.wral.com/news/national_world/world/story/1475491/ and http://www.wral.com/news/national_world/world/story/1479393/.

Personal and Family Preparedness: **New**



In light of recent events including the terrorist plots at JFK Airport, the Army base at Fort Dix, NJ and other locations, we are recommended of the importance of being vigilant and being prepared. A terrorist's primary objective is to create fear. You can keep yourself and you family safe with accurate information and basic emergency preparedness. Be responsible and aware of your surroundings, report suspicious objects, vehicles or individuals. To learn more about personal and family preparedness please contact with Eugenie Schwartz, MRC Coordinator at eugenie.schwartz@ynhh.org or 203-688-2659.

Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction Conference: **New**

The Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction met June 5th-7th, 2007, in Geneva, Switzerland. This effort was held as part of a series of conferences meant to further the work of creating bridges between the humanitarian relief and development sectors, risk management, climate change and many others. Disaster risk reduction (DRR) is a generic term referring to a wide sector of work on disaster mitigation and prevention, risk reduction, as well as vulnerability awareness and preparedness. The event in Switzerland is the third annual conference since this global effort renewed itself following the meeting of the Yokohama Conference of 1994. To read the entire Hyogo framework, please go to www.icsu-asia-pacific.org/resource_centre/ISDR_Hyogo-framework-for-action_HFA.pdf.

Education and Training Course

Introduction to Radiological Response (EM 110) is a 30-minute narrated CD-ROM course which provides the learner with the basic principles of radiation, definitions of terms commonly encountered in radiological and nuclear incidents, a description of the health risks associated with radioactive material, recommendations for safeguarding personal safety during a radiological or nuclear incident and an outline of the strategies for addressing the psychological impact of radiological and nuclear incidents. This introductory course has been designed for nurses, doctors, radiology technicians, radiation oncologists, radiation safety officers, patient care associates, technical assistants, nuclear medicine workers, EMS workers and mental health professionals. An online version of EM 110 is scheduled for release summer of 2007. A more advanced radiological preparedness course is under development and planned for release in the fall of 2007. EM 110 CD is available for a fee and can be obtained by contacting Mark Schneider at (203) 688-2577 or mark.schneider@ynhh.org.

Education and Training Courses



The online publication *Emerging Infectious Diseases* entitled "Respirator Donning in Post-Hurricane New Orleans" makes the observation that, "An

observational study of 62 healthcare workers in three California hospitals found that 40 (65%) improperly put on N95 FF respirators before entering the room of a patient in isolation for tuberculosis."

<http://www.cdc.gov/eid/content/13/5/700.htm>.

Properly fit personal protective equipment can help control the spread of airborne infections including pandemic influenza. YNH-CEPDR is currently developing **N95 Respirator Fit Tester Training (EM 122)**. This 20-minute online course will provide an in-depth look at the fit testing process used to test the seal of the N95 respirator and will meet OSHA fit-testing requirements. The N95 respirator is worn by healthcare workers treating patients with infectious airborne diseases, including pandemic influenza. This course is designed to provide just-in-time training to healthcare workers that must perform fit tests. The use of text and video combined with a cue card, available to print, gives fit testers a more robust learning experience and a useful job aid. This course is anticipated to be released summer 2007. For more information, please contact Mark Schneider at (203) 688-2577 or mark.schneider@ynhh.org.

- **Best Practices for the Protection of Healthcare-Based First Receivers (EM 120)** is available at <http://ynhhs.emergencyeducation.org/>. EM 120 is aligned with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) required awareness-level competencies for first receivers. Sample job classifications that may be required to complete EM 120 in order to ensure compliance with OSHA standards include: (1) All employees who work in the emergency department (such as clinicians, housekeeping, security, patient registration, etc.); (2) All employees who are regularly scheduled to be on call for the emergency department; (3) Volunteers and residents assigned to the emergency department; (4) Employees involved in setting up, taking down or maintaining decontamination facilities, regardless of their primary job role and location; (5) Nursing leadership who function as potential nursing administrators on call; (6) All members of the hospital decontamination team. This course is a prerequisite to a series of operations-level courses currently under development and planned for release in May. For more information, please contact Mark Schneider at (203) 688-2577 or mark.schneider@ynhh.org.

Education and Training Courses



At the request of the Bioterrorism Training and Curriculum Development Program of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Yale New Haven Center for Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response (YNH-CEPDR) EM 103 w/NIMS and EM 140 w/NIMS courses were reviewed by the NIMS Integration Center. Taken together, these courses provide a solution to address elements 9 through 11 of the NIMS Implementation Activities for Hospitals and Healthcare Systems. These courses meet all of the required objectives defined by the NIMS National Standard Curriculum Training Guidance as demonstrated on the YNH-CEPDR NIMS Competency Crosswalk which may be accessed at http://www.ynhhs.com/emergency/YNH_CEPDR_NIMS_CompencyCrosswalk.pdf. EM 103 with NIMS and EM 140 with NIMS have also been approved as being NIMS compliant for healthcare education and training requirements by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health and the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and

Homeland Security. To download a brochure, please visit

http://www.ynhhs.org/emergency/NIMS_Brochure-Final.pdf. For more information, please contact Mark Schneider at (203) 688-2577 or mark.schneider@ynhh.org.

- **Introduction to Emergency Management with NIMS (EM 103 w/NIMS)** is available at <http://ynhhs.emergencyeducation.org/>. Yale New Haven Health System employees should access the course via the learning management system at <http://cmecourses.com/ynhh/>. EM 103 w/NIMS meets the required objectives of IS 100, IS 700 and IS 800 for healthcare organizations and provides awareness-level emergency preparedness training for the healthcare delivery workforce. EM 103 w/NIMS is designed to assist healthcare workers in understanding their role in providing continuous care for existing patients and additional patients in the event of an emergency or a terrorist event. For more information, please contact Mark Schneider at (203) 688-2577 or mark.schneider@ynhh.org.
- **Incident Command Systems (ICS) for Healthcare with NIMS (EM 140 w/NIMS)** is a 50-minute course which offers an introduction to ICS for healthcare workers and is available at <http://ynhhs.emergencyeducation.org/>. Yale New Haven Health System employees should access the course via the learning management system at <http://cmecourses.com/ynhh/>. EM 140 w/NIMS meets the required objectives of IS 200, IS 700 and IS 800 for healthcare organizations. This course describes the ways an ICS can provide a consistent approach to command, control and coordination of all efforts aimed at protecting life, preserving property, supporting the emergency response and stabilizing the operations of a healthcare site during an emergency or disaster. For more information, please contact Mark Schneider at (203) 688-2577 or mark.schneider@ynhh.org.
- **Best Practices for the Protection of Healthcare-Based First Receivers, Operations Level (EM 220)** is a four-hour online course followed by a four-hour hands-on training. EM 220 is designed to advance healthcare workers from the awareness level to the operations level of training for hospital-based decontamination teams. Prior to enrolling in this operations-level course, participants are required to have successfully completed the awareness-level course, EM 120. EM 220 is recommended for healthcare workers with roles in their facility's decontamination process including medical practitioners (MD/DO, PA, NP), nurses (RN, LPN), allied health (ED techs, nurses aides, etc.), maintenance staff, environmental services staff, facilities staff, engineering staff, security and outside contractors. This course prepares healthcare workers to identify possible risks associated with unannounced patients and to fulfill specific roles in the decontamination process and trains healthcare workers to properly use protective equipment. The course meets to OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.120 and the Best Practices for Hospital-Based First Receivers of Patients, which was a result of the OSHA revisions of February 2005 to address the concerns of hospital responders. For more information, please contact Mark Schneider at (203) 688-2577 or mark.schneider@ynhh.org.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
6.11.07	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	HICS IV Workshop	To register for this workshop, please download the PDF, http://www.yalenehavenhealth.org/emergency/HICSIVBrochure-Final.pdf , and email, fax or mail your registration. For more questions please contact Samantha Kopp samantha.kopp@ynhh.org .
6.14.07 6.19.07 6.26.07 6.28.07	9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Infectious Substances Packaging and Shipping Training <i>Sponsored by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health</i>	For more information, please visit http://www.ynhhs.org/emergency/PackagingBrochure.pdf .
6.21.07	1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Mass Antibiotic Dispensing: Taking the Guesswork out of the POD Design <i>Sponsored by the CDC</i>	For more information, please visit http://www2a.cdc.gov/PHTN/poddesign/default.asp .
6.29.07	11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EST	Mass Shelters: Environmental Health Issues <i>Sponsored by the Alabama Department of Public Health</i>	For more information, please visit https://www.adph.org/alphnt/vcomm.asp?action=conflistone&templatnbr=3&deptid=143&templateid=1252 .
7.19.07	11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EST	Pandemic Influenza for First Receivers <i>Sponsored by the Alabama Department of Public Health</i>	For more information, please visit https://www.adph.org/alphnt/vcomm.asp?action=conflistone&templatnbr=3&deptid=143&templateid=1252 .

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
6.13.07	8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	Statewide Interhospital Working Group	Connecticut Hospital Association
6.13.07	9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Regions 1, 2 and 5 Hospital Meeting	Connecticut Hospital Association
6.20.07	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	NATHCER Exercise, Intermountain Health Care System, Salt Lake City, UT <i>Sponsored by YNH-CEPDR</i>	For more information please contact Deanna Bourgeault at deanna.bourgeault@ynhh.org .
6.22.07	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	NATHCER Exercise, St. Anthony's Medical Center, St. Louis, MO National Capital Region, Fairfax, VA <i>Sponsored by YNH-CEPDR</i>	For more information please contact Deanna Bourgeault at deanna.bourgeault@ynhh.org .
6.27.07	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	NATHCER Exercise, Missouri Institute of Mental Health, St. Louis, MO <i>Sponsored by YNH-CEPDR</i>	For more information please contact Deanna Bourgeault at deanna.bourgeault@ynhh.org .
7.11.07	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	NATHCER Exercise, Area Health Education Center of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, NV <i>Sponsored by YNH-CEPDR</i>	For more information please contact Deanna Bourgeault at deanna.bourgeault@ynhh.org .
7.26.07 and 7.27.07		4 th Annual Arkansas Statewide Preparedness Conference <i>Sponsored by Arkansas Medical Services, UAMS Regional Programs, Arkansas Children's Hospital, AR DHHS, AR Hospital Association, AR Dept. of Emergency Management, Arkansas Office of the FBI</i>	For more information, please visit http://www.ynhhs.org/emergency/AKStatewidePreparednessConf.pdf .
9.19.07	<i>Save the Date</i>	2007 National Summit <i>Sponsored by the New York Primary Care Development Corporation</i>	For more information, please visit http://www.pcdcny.org/