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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. 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 an effort is made to assess risk and develop and test contingency plans for disaster response before it happens, rather than after the damage is done.

Joint Commission Resources (JCR) will 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 provides 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 (YNH-CEPDR) on the scientific abstract session for the conference. Providing a forum for attendees to share their 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 10, 2007. **Abstracts must be submitted by August 20, 2007, and will be peer-reviewed for their quality, originality and relevance to the conference.** For more information on the abstract submission process, please go to <http://valenewhavenhealth.org/emergency/disaster/conference/>. 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.

## Avian Influenza: **New**

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the cumulative number of confirmed cases of avian influenza H5N1 as of July 25, 2007, is 319 cases and 192 deaths.

- School closures and other community strategies designed to reduce the possibility of spreading disease between people during an epidemic can save lives, particularly when the measures are used in combination and implemented soon after an outbreak begins in a community, according to a new study based on public records from the 1918-1919 influenza pandemic. The findings, which are published in the August 8<sup>th</sup> issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, provide vital clues to help public officials planning for the next influenza pandemic and highlight the importance of community strategies. These strategies are particularly important because the intervention most likely to provide the best protection against pandemic influenza, a vaccine is unlikely to be available at the outset of a pandemic. Community strategies that delay or reduce the impact of a pandemic, also called non-pharmaceutical interventions, may help reduce the spread of disease until a vaccine that is well-matched to the virus is available. To read this release in full, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/2007/r070807.htm>.
- On August 7, 2007, a WHO official said that Indonesia is endangering the world's health by continuing to withhold H5N1 influenza virus samples collected from human patients. "Indonesia is putting the public health security of the whole world at risk because they're not sharing viruses," David Heymann, the WHO's assistant director-general for communicable diseases, said in a news teleconference. He briefed reporters on the results of a WHO-sponsored meeting last week in Singapore on virus-sharing issues. Indonesia, the country with the most H5N1 cases and deaths, stopped sending H5N1 isolates to the WHO last December to protest the cost of commercial vaccines derived from the viruses. The virus samples are needed to track the virus's evolution and drug resistance and to make vaccines, since the virus is viewed as the potential precursor to a pandemic strain of flu. In May, Indonesia said it was sending three H5N1 samples to the WHO, ending its embargo. But Heymann reported those samples contained no live viruses. "Although they were polymerase chain reaction positive, they did not have living virus in them....Indonesia is endangering its own people by withholding the viruses," said Heymann. To read this article in full, please visit <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/influenza/panflu/news/aug0707who.html>.
- Acambis, a British biotechnology company, recently announced the launch of a phase 1 clinical trial of an influenza vaccine designed to provide a stable shield against seasonal and pandemic flu strains. This development would potentially eliminate the need to revise the flu vaccine each year. Known as ACAM-FLU-A, the vaccine is designed to target all influenza A virus strains and would protect against all strains of both influenza A and B; the majority of laboratory-confirmed flu cases each year in the United States are type A. The randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multi-center trial will be conducted in the United States. Investigators will assess the vaccine's safety, tolerability and ability to generate an immune response in up to 80 healthy volunteers between ages 18 and 40. Michael Watson, Acambis' executive vice-president for research and development, said in the press release that an effective universal vaccine would not require reengineering each time the virus mutates. Such a vaccine could be manufactured continuously and people could be immunized any time of year. To read this release in full, please visit <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/influenza/panflu/news/jul3007/acambis.html>.

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US Department of Health and Human Services (US DHHS) Region I (New England) Emergency Planning Office (Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response – OASPR): **New**

In the last bulletin, OASPR made reference to the Region I (New England) Medical and Public Health emergency planning list server. A list server allows widespread distribution of information to all Internet users subscribed to the list. Subscribers may send a message to a single address from which the message is forwarded to everyone on the list making it a great way of communicating with a large group of people. The hope is that individuals will use the Region 1 emergency planning list server as a resource to share information around the region about training and events, as well as to ask questions, communicate and link with other individuals with similar interests. To enroll on the list server please visit [http://list.nih.gov/archives/rqn\\_i\\_esf8-l.html](http://list.nih.gov/archives/rqn_i_esf8-l.html).

Please pass this link on to everyone appropriate and disseminate as widely as possible in the region. Also, please start contributing your own information to the group. For any issues or questions, please contact Greg Banner, Regional Emergency Coordinator, Region I (New England) Department of Health and Human Services at (617) 565-1485, (617) 777-6404 or [gregory.banner@hhs.gov](mailto:gregory.banner@hhs.gov).

The following resources are identified to assist your preparedness activities:

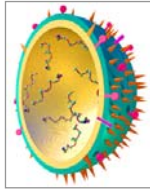
**New/Highlighted Resources:** CDC Injury Fact Sheet Web Site (with recent updates): [http://www.bt.cdc.gov/masscasualties/injuryfact\\_sheets.asp](http://www.bt.cdc.gov/masscasualties/injuryfact_sheets.asp)

**Office/Asset Highlighted:** Boston Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS): <http://www.bostonmhrs.org/>

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**Avian Influenza: New**



In a study, to be published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*, Robert G. Webster, PhD, and colleagues at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis found that disabling the body's destructive immune-system overreaction to the H5N1 avian influenza virus, known as "cytokine storm," did not protect mice infected with the disease. The study found that groups of mice genetically programmed to lack one of three important inflammatory cytokines died after they were exposed to a Vietnamese H5N1 virus strain. They also found that mortality rates were high in non-altered mice that were given glucocorticoids to suppress cytokine production after exposure to the H5N1 virus. The researchers concluded that deficiency of any of the three key cytokines alone does not protect mammal hosts from H5N1 avian influenza death and that glucocorticoids do not reduce the lethality of the H5N1 infection. The authors state, "these results refute the popular paradigm that the cytokine storm is the cause of death during H5N1 infection, adding that more research is needed to examine the contribution of each cytokine to factors other than weight loss and mortality." For more information, please visit <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/influenza/panflu/news/jul1607cytokine.html>.

**Bridge Collapse Resources: New**

In response to the bridge collapse which occurred on August 1, 2007 in Minneapolis, MN, the CDC has updated their list of resources for the public, clinicians and healthcare professionals. Links featured include information on injuries, mass casualty events and coping with a traumatic event. To access these links, please visit [http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/dir/bridge\\_resources.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/dir/bridge_resources.htm).

**Consolidation of the NIOSH 800 number with CDC-INFO: New**



Beginning on August 30, 2007, the NIOSH 800-number information service (1-800-35-NIOSH) will become part of the toll-free CDC-INFO public information contact center. CDC-INFO is the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's consolidated call and e-mail handling center. Established in 2005, CDC-INFO provides one-stop access to all the information resources of NIOSH and CDC. CDC-INFO call center representatives are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and answer public inquiries in English and Spanish. Individuals who currently use the NIOSH 800-number may notice some changes in the way inquiries are processed, especially publication requests; the CDC asks callers bear with them through the transition phase. Please note the new telephone number: 1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636) and email [cdcinfo@cdc.gov](mailto:cdcinfo@cdc.gov). TTY: 1-888-232-6348.

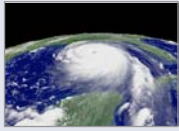
**Disasters around the World: New**



South Asia Flooding  
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Jayanta Shaw

On August 4, 2007, helicopters dropped food to almost 2 million marooned Indian villagers as the death toll from unusually heavy monsoon rains and floods in South Asia rose to more than 229. The food drops to 2,200 villages cut off by flooding aimed to help desperate residents in the worst-hit eastern parts of India's Uttar Pradesh state. Umesh Sinha, the state relief commissioner, also said nearly 280,000 acres of rice paddy crops had been destroyed. In India's northeastern Assam state, flooding forced rhinos from their habitat at the Kaziranga National Park and their panicked charges killed one person and injured two others. At least 229 people have been killed in India and neighboring Bangladesh, and 19 million driven from their homes in recent days. The South Asian monsoon season runs from June to September as the rains work their way across the subcontinent, a deluge that scatters floods and landslides across the region and kills hundreds of people every year. So far this year, approximately 14 million people in India and 5 million in Bangladesh have been displaced by flooding, according to government figures. To read this article further, please visit [http://www.wral.com/news/national\\_world/world/story/1669381/](http://www.wral.com/news/national_world/world/story/1669381/).

## Emergency Credentialing Program: **New**



As we enter the peak of the Atlantic Hurricane season, thoughts of past storms such as Katrina frequently come to mind. The devastation wrought

by this storm, particularly to healthcare facilities, was unimaginable. Most of us are also aware that the Northeast is long overdue for a major hurricane. You can make a difference and help meet this challenge by joining the State of Connecticut Emergency Credentialing Program for Health Care Professionals. Volunteers from many different healthcare professions are needed. Volunteers enroll online, have access to online professional education and are covered by the state for liability and workers compensation if they decide to accept a request for help. The volunteer *always* has the option to decline a request. Please visit <http://www.ct-esar-vhp.org/> if you are interested in enrolling or if you would like more information. You may also call Joseph M. Filakovsky, DNP, APRN, Emergency Credentialing Program Coordinator at (203) 688-4486 or [ecp@ynhh.org](mailto:ecp@ynhh.org).

## Positions Available at YNH-CEPDR



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

## Education and Training Courses

YNH-CEPDR has developed a strategic partnership with HealthStream to distribute EM 103 w/NIMS and EM 140 w/NIMS. This partnership supports a broader dissemination of these courses as a strategy for hospitals and healthcare systems to become compliant with NIMS education and training requirements. For more information, please contact Scott Selig at [scott.selig@ynhh.org](mailto:scott.selig@ynhh.org).

## Disasters around the World (*continued*): **New**



Utah Mine Collapse  
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Rick Bowmer

On August 8, 2007, seismic activity shut down efforts to reach six miners trapped in Huntington, Utah since August 6th. Crews are drilling two holes into the mountain in an effort to communicate with the miners. Unstable conditions below ground thwarted rescuers' efforts to break through to the miners, who have been trapped 1,500 feet below the surface. Rescue teams are waiting for the seismic activity to subside before going back inside. There is absolutely no way that through our underground rescue effort we can reach the vicinity of the trapped miners for at least one week," said Robert E. Murray, chairman of Murray Energy Corp., owner of the Crandall Canyon mine. The National Earthquake Information Center in

Colorado said 10 seismic shocks have been recorded since the collapse, but only one since 3 a.m. Tuesday. That one struck at 3:42 p.m. with a magnitude of 1.7. The trapped miners are believed to be about 3 1/2 miles inside the mine, situated 140 miles south of Salt Lake City. Little was known about the six miners; only one has been identified. The Mexican Consulate in Salt Lake City said three of the men are Mexican citizens. To read this article in full, please visit

[http://www.wral.com/news/national\\_world/national/story/1680426/](http://www.wral.com/news/national_world/national/story/1680426/).

- On August 5, 2007, a state of emergency was declared in Montana because of several large wildfires, including one that has crept to within a mile of several homes and destroyed at least one. Higher humidity and clouds were helping firefighters contain the nearly 28-square-mile blaze, which began Friday and rapidly grew, leading to evacuation orders for residents of about 200 homes. For more information, please visit [http://www.wral.com/news/national\\_world/national/story/1671317/](http://www.wral.com/news/national_world/national/story/1671317/).
- In California, crews battling an 88-square-mile wildfire roughly 100 miles northwest of Los Angeles in Santa Barbara County were getting about 50 additional fire engines Sunday, on top of the more than 100 already on the scene, after Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a state of emergency. More than 2,300 people were fighting the blaze. The wildfire continued to grow Sunday, spreading to more than 56,200 acres, but officials were hopeful the blaze would move farther away from homes. It was 70 percent contained Sunday but full containment isn't expected until September 7, officials said. For more information, please visit [http://www.wral.com/news/national\\_world/national/story/1671317/](http://www.wral.com/news/national_world/national/story/1671317/).
- In wildfire incidents, incident command can be used to provide management over various resources. The management of logistics over a large area is important to priority setting in a large-scale event. Use of incident command can help decide who to evacuate, what property to protect, what types of people and resources are required, healthcare concerns and more. Incident Command for Hospitals, HICS IV, was recently updated by the California Emergency Medical Services Authority. The update not only ensures compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) but cross communication between multiple agencies and jurisdictions in the event of an emergency such as the Los Angeles wildfire. YNH-CEPDR has developed workshops that discuss the HICS IV organizational chart, job action sheets and forms as well as provide an overall context for implementation. For more information on how your hospital or healthcare organization can understand HICS IV, please contact Kimberly Spaulding at (203) 688-4482 or [kimberly.spaulding@ynhh.org](mailto:kimberly.spaulding@ynhh.org).

## The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC): **New**



The State of Connecticut has recently formed a Connecticut Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Advisory Committee. Chaired by Mary Duley, Hospital Preparedness Program Coordinator, and consistent with federal guidelines, the committee will adopt a regional approach to MRC planning, modeled after the five Department of Emergency Management Homeland Security regions for organization and regional capacity building. The advisory committee was formed to encourage regional planning among existing and newly formed MRC units. While MRC units are still a local asset, this approach will allow for increased medical capacity in the regions, program sustainability and sharing of resources. Additionally, please consider joining the Medical Reserve Corps, <http://www.mrc-ynh.org/>. The MRC YNH CEPDR has an expert staff that will provide effective education and training resources to audiences around the state. Find out how to set up training and access other resources by contacting Eugenie Schwartz at [eugenie.schwartz@ynhh.org](mailto:eugenie.schwartz@ynhh.org) or at (203) 688-2659.

## Education and Training Courses



At the request of the Bioterrorism Training and Curriculum Development Program of the HHS, the YNH-CEPDR EM 103 w/NIMS and EM 140 w/NIMS courses were reviewed by the NIMS Integration Center. 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\\_CompetyencyCrosswalk.pdf](http://www.ynhhs.com/emergency/YNH_CEPDR_NIMS_CompetyencyCrosswalk.pdf).** EM 103 w/NIMS and EM 140 w/NIMS were 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](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](mailto: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 <https://www.healthstream.com/HLC/Login/Login.aspx?organizationID=6e27bcaa-71bd-db11-bf7b-000423d6b5c1>. 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](mailto: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 <https://www.healthstream.com/HLC/Login/Login.aspx?organizationID=6e27bcaa-71bd-db11-bf7b-000423d6b5c1>. 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 coordinate 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](mailto:mark.schneider@ynhh.org).



**Best Practices for the Protection of Healthcare-Based First Receivers (EM 120)** is available at <http://ynhhs.emergencyeducation.org/>. Yale New Haven Health System employees should access the course via the learning management system at <https://www.healthstream.com/HLC/Login/Login.aspx?organizationID=6e27bcaa-71bd-db11-bf7b-000423d6b5c1>. 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. For more information, please contact Mark Schneider at (203) 688-2577 or [mark.schneider@ynhh.org](mailto:mark.schneider@ynhh.org).



The online publication *Emerging Infectious Diseases* article entitled "Respirator Donning in Post-Hurricane New Orleans" states 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 provides an in-depth look at the fit testing process used to test the seal of the N95 respirator and meets 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. The anticipated release is the fall of 2007. For more information, please contact Mark Schneider at (203) 688-2577 or [mark.schneider@ynhh.org](mailto: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 healthcare-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 fulfill specific roles in the decontamination process and trains healthcare workers to properly use protective equipment. It meets OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.120 and the Best Practices for Healthcare-Based First Receivers of Patients, which was a result of the OSHA revisions of February 2005 to address concerns of hospital responders. For more information, please contact Mark Schneider at (203) 688-2577 or [mark.schneider@ynhh.org](mailto:mark.schneider@ynhh.org).

## Education and Training Services

YNH-CEPDR is committed to developing and delivering effective and scalable 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.

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

For additional information about these services, please contact Scott Selig at [scott.selig@ynhh.org](mailto:scott.selig@ynhh.org) or (203) 688-2587 or Kimberly Spaulding at [kimberly.spaulding@ynhh.org](mailto:kimberly.spaulding@ynhh.org) or (203) 688-4482.

## Upcoming Training and Education

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8.14.07	11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	New England Region Webinar: EM 103 w/NIMS Train-the-Trainer, Home Health Agencies	For more information, please contact Ella Holst at <a href="mailto:Ella.holst@ynhh.org">Ella.holst@ynhh.org</a> .
8.15.07	1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST	The Pharmacists Role in Disasters  <i>Sponsored by the Alabama Public Health Training Network</i>	For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.adph.org/alphn/vcomm.asp?action=conflistone&amp;templatelbr=3&amp;deptid=143&amp;templateid=1252">https://www.adph.org/alphn/vcomm.asp?action=conflistone&amp;templatelbr=3&amp;deptid=143&amp;templateid=1252</a> .
8.22.07	2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Influenza-Avian Flu: Infection, Transmission, Risks in Transplantation – Audio Conference  <i>Sponsored by American Association of Blood Banks</i>	For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.aabb.org/AABBContent/Templates/AABBSub.aspx?NRMODE=Published&amp;NRORIGINALURL=/Content/Meetings_and_Events/Audioconferences/&amp;NRNODEGUID=%7BE034BF8D-DB9D-40A2-9032-7DCCDD3ED472%7D&amp;NRCACHEHINT=NoModifyGuest#0815">http://www.aabb.org/AABBContent/Templates/AABBSub.aspx?NRMODE=Published&amp;NRORIGINALURL=/Content/Meetings_and_Events/Audioconferences/&amp;NRNODEGUID=%7BE034BF8D-DB9D-40A2-9032-7DCCDD3ED472%7D&amp;NRCACHEHINT=NoModifyGuest#0815</a> .
8.22.07 9.19.07	1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	New England Region Webinar: EM 103 w/NIMS Train-the-Trainer, Hospitals	For more information, please contact Ella Holst at <a href="mailto:Ella.holst@ynhh.org">Ella.holst@ynhh.org</a> .
9.11.07	8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST	Global Public Health Preparedness: Is it Possible  <i>Sponsored by the University of Michigan School of Public Health Office of Public Health Practice</i>	For more information or to register, please visit <a href="http://www.sph.umich.edu/micphp/globalposium.html">http://www.sph.umich.edu/micphp/globalposium.html</a>

## UPCOMING

### Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8.14.07	8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Statewide Interhospital Working Group	Connecticut Hospital Association
8.21.07 and 9.8.07	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Playing It Safe Conference Emergency Planning for People with Disabilities and Seniors  <i>Sponsored by the State Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities and the University of Connecticut Center for Excellence in Disabilities in collaboration with the Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities, CT Department of Social Services and Yale Center for Children with Special Health Care Needs</i>	West Haven, CT and Hartford, CT  For more information, please visit, link from <a href="http://www.ynhhs.org/emergency/PlayingItSafeConference.pdf">http://www.ynhhs.org/emergency/PlayingItSafeConference.pdf</a>  To register, please contact Elanah Sherman 860-297-4322, or <a href="mailto:elanah.sherman@po.state.ct.us">elanah.sherman@po.state.ct.us</a> .
9.11.07 and 9.12.07	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	National Preparedness Month Booth sponsored by YNH-CEPDR	Greenwich Hospital, Atrium area  For more information, please contact Samantha Kopp at <a href="mailto:samantha.kopp@ynhh.org">samantha.kopp@ynhh.org</a> .
9.13.07 and 9.14.07	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	National Preparedness Month Booth sponsored by YNH-CEPDR	Bridgeport Hospital, Lobby  For more information, please contact Samantha Kopp at <a href="mailto:samantha.kopp@ynhh.org">samantha.kopp@ynhh.org</a> .
9.18.07 and 9.19.07	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	National Preparedness Month Booth sponsored by YNH-CEPDR	Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor in the Atrium  For more information, please contact Samantha Kopp at <a href="mailto:samantha.kopp@ynhh.org">samantha.kopp@ynhh.org</a> .
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 <a href="http://www.pcdcny.org/">http://www.pcdcny.org/</a> .
10.10.07 and 10.11.07	<i>Save the Date</i>	Preparing for the Unknown: "Are You Ready?"  <i>Emergency Preparedness Conference Sponsored by Joint Commission Resources (JRC)</i>	For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.jcrinc.com/24835/">http://www.jcrinc.com/24835/</a> .
10.26.07 and 10.27.07	<i>Save the Date</i>	The New England MRC Leadership and Education Conference  <i>Emergency Preparedness Conference Sponsored by Joint Commission Resources (JRC)</i>	For more information, please contact Jennifer Frenette at <a href="mailto:Jennifer.frenette@hhs.gov">Jennifer.frenette@hhs.gov</a> .

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