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ELEVATED THREAT LEVEL

HHS to Give States \$75 Million in Supplemental Funding to States for Pandemic Flu Preparedness: **New**

On August 30, 2007, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced additional grant funds totalling \$75 million available to U.S. states, territories and metropolitan areas to help strengthen their ability to respond to a pandemic influenza outbreak. The grants are intended to establish or enhance stockpiles of critical medical equipment and supplies, continue development of plans for maintenance, distribution and sharing of those resources, plan and develop pandemic alternate care sites and conduct medical surge exercises. Connecticut's funding from this grant totals \$963,022 while New York City will receive \$1,903,393 as a major metropolitan area. According to HHS, this funding is supplemental to the previously announced \$430 million in federal grants provided to states to help healthcare facilities prepare for public health emergencies. To read this release in full and to see amounts for each jurisdiction, please visit <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2007pres/08/pr20070830a.html>.

RNs and MDs Who Responded to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Wanted: **New**

The Deputy Director of the Office of Risk Management and Analysis, National Protection and Programs Directorate at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), CAPT Lynn A. Slepiski, RN, MSN, CCNS, is seeking assistance for a research study entitled *Emergency Preparedness and Professional Competency Among Healthcare Providers During Hurricanes Katrina and Rita*. If you are a physician or nurse who deployed in support of Hurricane Katrina or Rita for at least fourteen consecutive days (2 weeks), you are invited to complete a questionnaire addressing your experiences and two medical competency areas that have been identified as important in disaster emergency response. The study is sponsored by the Uniformed Services University and has been approved by the Institutional Review Board at Uniformed Services University, which is responsible for approving all research involving human subjects. All individual responses are confidential. The combined results may be used for the development of policy, training curriculum, exercise programs, and/or publications in the scientific literature. The questionnaire for this study is web-based and located at <http://www.usuhs.mil/disastersurvey>. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact CAPT Lynn A. Slepiski, RN, MSN, CCNS at Lynn.Slepiski@dhs.gov or at (202) 282-9697.

Avian Influenza: **New**

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the cumulative number of confirmed cases of avian influenza H5N1 as of August 31, 2007 is 327 cases and 199 deaths.



Bavaria, Germany
Credit: REUTERS/David W. Cerny

On August 30, 2007, it was reported that an outbreak of the highly pathogenic H5N1 virus on a duck farm in Bavaria, southern Germany, may be more widespread than originally suspected. After more than 400 ducks died in a short period of time, tests confirmed avian influenza H5N1 leading authorities to cull all 166,000 ducks on the farm and establish protection and surveillance zones around the farm. Local veterinary authorities were unable to determine the virus' origination and if any infected birds were offered for commercial sale. To read this article in full, please visit <http://209.190.25.146/viewNews.php?id=983>.

- During an international workshop on August 29, 2007, in Hanoi, Vietnam, domestic and UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) experts discussed issues surrounding avian influenza in Vietnam. It was reported that the country is willing to share virus samples from animals and humans as well as what efforts are being made to fight current and any future outbreaks as five of the country's 64 provinces are still reporting cases of avian influenza. To read this article in full, please visit <http://www.thanhniennews.com/health/?catid=8&newsid=31504>.
- On August 27, 2007, a report on recently released results from a trial of the H5N1 influenza vaccine from GlaxoSmithKline shows that the vaccine in combination with an adjuvant, described as an oil-in-water-based emulsion, produced immune responses after two doses, a response that meets or exceeds US and European criteria for licensing a vaccine. Tests were done with the 400 healthy men and women who participated in the trial conducted in Ghent, Belgium, measuring hemagglutination-inhibition (HI) antibody titers and the presence of antibodies that could neutralize the H5N1 virus. To read this release in full, please visit <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/influenza/panflu/news/aug2707vaccine.html>.
- The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association will sponsor one of the largest pandemic planning exercises conducted in the United States with more than 2,300 organizations signed up to participate. The three-week simulation will measure the impact of a 12-week pandemic flu wave on the financial sector, including telecommunication issues and companies having to function with a reduced workforce due to pandemic-related absenteeism. Participating companies will not know how their business will be affected until the exercise begins on September 24, 2007. To read more about this exercise, please visit <http://www.fspanfluexercise.com/>.
- A study to be published on September 1, 2007, in the journal *Emerging Infectious Diseases* will provide results proving that avian influenza is mutating and transmitting between humans. The study focused on an outbreak that occurred in Indonesia in 2006 and involved a family of eight where the initial case, who was exposed to dead poultry and chicken feces, transmitted the virus to another family member who again passed it on to other close family members. Researchers estimate that the rate of one infected person passing avian influenza to another in Indonesia is 29% - similar to the spread of seasonal influenza in the United States. To read this article in full, please visit <http://209.190.25.146/viewNews.php?id=984>.

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US DHHS Region I (New England) Emergency Planning Office (Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response – ASPR): **New**

The Region I (New England) Medical and Public Health emergency planning 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/rgn_i_esf8-1.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.

The following resources are identified to assist your preparedness activities:

New/Highlighted Resources: Accommodating Individuals With Disabilities In The Provision Of Disaster Mass Care, Housing, And Human Services, Reference Guide. FEMA <http://www.fema.gov/oer/reference/>

Office/Asset Highlighted: VA New England Health Care System (VISN 1) <http://www.visn1.med.va.gov/>

DHS Preparedness Videos:
For People with Disabilities:
<https://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/disabled.html>

For Older Americans:
<https://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/seniors.html>

Preparing Pets for Emergencies:
<http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/pets.html>

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For questions, comments, suggestions or to subscribe to the Preparedness Report, please e-mail us at center@ynhh.org.
www.yalenewhavenhealth.org/emergency

Disasters around the World: **New**

- On August 30, 2007, health authorities in the Democratic Republic of Congo reported that an epidemic has killed 103 people since June 8 of this year. The epidemic is suspected to be haemorrhagic fever and has sickened 217 people in four villages. People affected by the disease experience symptoms such as fever, bloody diarrhea and dehydration which may lead to death, often within five to seven days. To read this article in full, please visit <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/IRIN/a24131ce87b371b2c7558651ef578cf8.htm>.



A nationwide state of emergency was declared by the Greek government on August 25, 2007, following massive wildfires in the country. On August 30, 2007, the country's fire department officials said that only one major wildfire is burning out of control following a week of intense battles against the fires that have killed 64 people, cut off villages and burned almost 500,000 acres of land. The government suspects that some of the fires were caused by arson and is

considering whether these should be considered acts of terrorism. To read this article in full, please visit

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/G/GREECE_FIRES?SITE=TXHOU&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT.

- 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.

Personal and Family Preparedness: **New**



Do you know how to prepare yourself and your family for a natural or man-made emergency? Whether you're a medical professional, community member, student, or someone who has a question, turn to the Medical Reserve Corps for reliable and current resources on personal and emergency preparedness. The Medical Reserve Corps at Yale New Haven Center for Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response (MRC-YNH CEPDR) is proud to be known as "**the source**" for accurate and current information and education and training on emergency preparedness. 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 or at (203) 688-2659.

Emergency Management Institute



IS706 - NIMS Intrastate Mutual Aid: An Introduction: **New**

The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) has issued a new on-line course providing the basics of intrastate (in-state) mutual aid. This course describes the purpose, benefits, and uses of mutual aid and assistance, how mutual aid and assistance agreements relate to NIMS, what information should be included in a mutual aid and assistance agreement, process for developing mutual aid and assistance agreements and elements of a mutual aid and assistance operational plan. For an overview of the course, course objectives, target audience and to access the course, please visit <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS706.asp>.

Emergency Credentialing Program

Dodging the Bullet



Hurricane Dean
Credit: AFP/NOAA-HO

The weather news of the past week shows us only too well how quickly a major hurricane can develop. Tropical Storm Dean quickly formed and grew to a massive category five storm prior to hitting Mexico. A different

weather event has caused massive flooding in the Midwest and the Great Plains. Even the best planning comes up short when dealing with events of this magnitude. Extra resources are always needed. The Connecticut/New York/New Jersey metropolitan area is long overdue for a major hurricane. One resource that can answer the call is the State of Connecticut Emergency Credentialing Program. This is a program of both pre-credentialed and credentialed hospital disaster volunteers from many disciplines who have offered to respond when a natural or manmade event overwhelms a facility, region or state. Volunteers who agree to assist are given facility and event specific "just-in time" training to assist their work in their new setting. Volunteers are covered for liability and workers' compensation. Please check out our web site at www.ct-esar-vhp.org to see if this program is for you. Enrollment is completed on line and basic disaster related education is provided. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at ecp@ynhh.org or call Joseph Filakovsky, DNP, APRN, Emergency Credentialing Program Coordinator at (203) 688-4468.

Positions Available at YNH-CEPDR



YNH-CEPDR has openings for Exercise Specialists, Network Development Specialist, Regional Education Specialists and a Grant Research Specialist. 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>.



National Preparedness Month

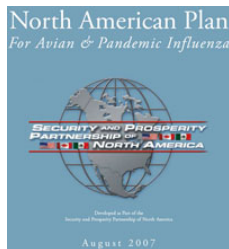
September 2007 is the fourth annual National Preparedness Month. This nationwide initiative is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and is designed to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies. The 2007 National Preparedness Month will focus on back-to-school planning, business preparedness, multicultural preparedness and home and family preparedness. For more information, please visit the DHS National Preparedness Month website at <http://www.ready.gov/america/npm07/index.html>.

The Yale New Haven Center for Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response (YNH-CEPDR) is promoting National Preparedness Month by distributing information related to family and individual preparedness at the following locations:

Greenwich Hospital	September 11 th , 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. September 12 th , 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Bridgeport Hospital	September 13 th , 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. September 14 th , 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Yale-New Haven Hospital	September 18 th , 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. September 19 th , 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Samantha Kopp at (203) 688-2563 or samantha.kopp@ynhh.org.

North American Plan for Avian and Pandemic Influenza



On August 21, 2007, Canada, Mexico and the United States announced the North American Plan for Avian and Pandemic Influenza, developed as part of the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America (SPP). Among other topics, the plan promotes communication and collaboration between health authorities in the three countries as part of an effort to prepare for and manage avian and pandemic influenza. The plan also provides an overview of federal management structures in each country and addresses border control measures. To learn more about the plan and to access the plan in full, please visit <http://www.state.gov/g/avianflu/91242.htm>.

Infectious Diseases Spread Internationally



On August 23, 2007, the World Health Organization (WHO) announced the World Health Report 2007. As infectious diseases are spreading faster than ever with more than 2 billion people traveling by air every year, international cooperation and effective response to new and emerging diseases are essential to securing global public health. The report included six key recommendations to implement the highest level of global public health security, including all countries' full implementation of the revised International Health Regulations (IHR 2005) and sharing of knowledge, technologies and materials, including viruses. To read this article in full and to access a link to the report, please visit <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2007/pr44/en/index.html>.

Consolidation of the NIOSH 800 number with CDC-INFO

As of August 30, 2007, the NIOSH 800-number information service (1-800-35-NIOSH) is 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, TTY: 1-888-232-6348.

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 Mark Schneider at mark.schneider@ynhh.org.



Introduction to Emergency Management with NIMS (EM 103 w/NIMS) is available at

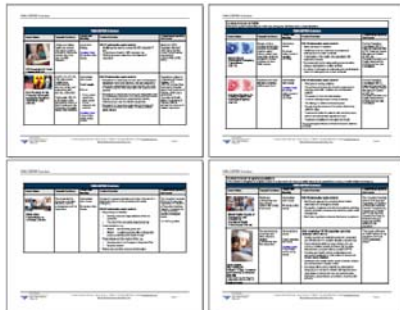
<http://ynhhs.emergencyeducation.org/>. Yale New Haven Health System employees should access the course via the learning management system at <https://www.healthstream.com/HLC/Login/Logi.n.aspx?organizationID=6e27bcaa-71bd-db11-bf7b-000423d6b5c1> EM 103 w/NIMS meets the required objectives of IS 100, 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.



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/Logi.n.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.

Yale New Haven Center for Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response: Fall 2007 Course Guide



The Yale New Haven Center for Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response (YNH-CEPDR) develops, delivers and evaluates educational programs designed to prepare the healthcare delivery workforce for effective response to all types of disasters and emergencies. YNH-CEPDR creates and adapts courses for healthcare organizations based on the latest research and developments in emergency response, incorporating national standards and regulations relevant to healthcare emergency preparedness, adhering to industry standards for instructional design and considering the special needs of busy adult learners. To view the new Fall 2007 Course Guide, please visit http://www.ynhhs.org/emergency/YNH-CEPDR_Courses_Fall07.pdf. For more information, please contact please contact Mark Schneider at (203) 688-2577 or mark.schneider@ynhh.org.

Joint Commission Resources 3rd Annual Emergency Preparedness Conference, - Abstracts Deadline Extended to August 31, 2007



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 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 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://yalenewhavenhealth.org/emergency/disasterconference/>. 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.

Education and Training Services

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.

- **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 Kimberly Spaulding at kimberly.spaulding@ynhh.org or (203) 688-4482.

Education and Training Courses *(continued)*:



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_CompetencyCrosswalk.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. 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, Awareness-Level (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.



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.



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.

Upcoming Training and Education

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
9.19.07	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 Ella.holst@ynhh.org .
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 http://www.sph.umich.edu/micphp/globalsymposium.html
10.29.07 and 10.30.07	7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Emergency Triage Toolbelt: A 2 day Comprehensive Seminar <i>This continuing nursing education activity is offered by the Northeastern Maine Regional Resource Center</i>	Spectacular Event Center, Bangor, Maine For more information, please contact Lorraine Solomon at (207) 973-5756 or lsolomon@emh.org .

Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
9.8.07	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	<p>Playing It Safe Conference Emergency Planning for People with Disabilities and Seniors</p> <p><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></p>	<p>Hartford, CT</p> <p>For more information, please visit, link from http://www.ynhhs.org/emergency/PlayingItSafeConference.pdf</p> <p>To register, please contact Elanah Sherman 860-297-4322, or elanah.sherman@po.state.ct.us.</p>
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	<p>Greenwich Hospital, Atrium area</p> <p>For more information, please contact Samantha Kopp at samantha.kopp@ynhh.org.</p>
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	<p>Bridgeport Hospital, Lobby</p> <p>For more information, please contact Samantha Kopp at samantha.kopp@ynhh.org.</p>
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	<p>Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2nd Floor in the Atrium</p> <p>For more information, please contact Samantha Kopp at samantha.kopp@ynhh.org.</p>
9.19.07	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	<p>2007 National Summit on Primary Care Emergency Preparedness</p> <p><i>Sponsored by the New York Primary Care Development Corporation</i></p>	<p>Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers, New York, NY</p> <p>For more information, please visit http://www.pcdcnv.org/.</p>
9.27.07 and 9.28.07	Save the Date	<p>5th International Bird Flu Summit</p> <p><i>Produced by New Fields Exhibitions</i></p>	<p>Thomas & Mack Convention Center in Las Vegas, NV</p> <p>For more information, please contact Michelle Fernandez at New Fields Exhibitions (202)536-5525 or michelle.fernandez@new-fields.com</p>
10.10.07 and 10.11.07	Save the Date	<p>Preparing for the Unknown: "Are You Ready?"</p> <p><i>Emergency Preparedness Conference Sponsored by Joint Commission Resources (JRC)</i></p>	<p>For more information, please visit http://www.jcrinc.com/24835/.</p>
10.26.07 and 10.27.07	Save the Date	<p>The New England MRC Leadership and Education Conference</p> <p><i>Emergency Preparedness Conference Sponsored by Joint Commission Resources (JRC)</i></p>	<p>For more information, please contact Jennifer Frenette at Jennifer.frenette@hhs.gov.</p>

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