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Training & Education

- Currently 85% of healthcare personnel have completed EM 101. YNHHS continues to work with the southern tier hospitals, Hartford Hospital, and other healthcare delivery agencies such as nursing homes, home health, and others to expand the program statewide.
- In association with the New Zealand Ministry of Health, St. John Ambulance Service will promote the use of EM 101 for all health care personnel training facilitated on the South Island.
- The University of New Mexico Health Center will implement EM 101 for the education and training of Target 1 groups in the Albuquerque, New Mexico area.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has published a report entitled *Responding to incidents of national consequence: Recommendations for America's fire and emergency services based on the events of September 11, 2001 and other similar incidents*. The purpose of the 117-page document is to provide guidance to state and local first responders regarding catastrophic events similar to the September 11, 2001 and can be downloaded from <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/fa-282.pdf>.

Regional Planning

- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has developed a draft personal protective equipment (PPE) guidance document for hospital-based first receivers of victims from mass casualty incidents involving the release of hazardous substances. The OSHA document is attached to this briefing.

Southern Tier Hospitals Special Meeting

- A special meeting for the southern tier hospitals is scheduled for June 10, 2004 from 8:00 am – 11:00 am at the Connecticut Hospital Association in Wallingford. The keynote speaker will be Eric Noji, MD, MPH, Special Assistant to the United States Surgeon General for Homeland Security and Disaster Medicine. Medical and administrative and clinical personnel from each of the southern tier acute care hospitals are encouraged to attend and invitations to the hospital CEOs are forthcoming. This meeting will take the place of the June southern tier hospital meeting. Please contact OEP at (203) 688-3224 to confirm attendance.



Emergency Credentialing System

- Twenty-eight of the 32 Connecticut acute care hospitals have signed participating hospital agreements, and more than 1,400 physicians have volunteered to be listed in the database. The statewide Emergency Credentialing System Committee continues to develop the policies and protocols for other healthcare disciplines such as nursing, radiography, and respiratory care.

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Laboratory Response Network

- Fifty representatives from more than 20 organizations attended the day-long statewide laboratory conference held on June 3, 2004 at CHA in Wallingford. Presentations included laboratory response to biological, chemical, and radiological threats, syndromic surveillance, and biodetection systems.

Stockpile Coordination

- The State of Connecticut Department of Public Health, the Connecticut Division of Homeland Security and the Office of Emergency Management are identifying 25 strategic locations around Connecticut to store Chempack caches. Acute care hospitals are the preferred storage locations for these chemical antidotes. Patrick Schmincke, Medical Stockpile Coordinator, will assist acute care hospitals interested in storing one of these stockpiles with interagency coordination and communication related to any required facility upgrades.

Emerging Infectious Diseases & Public Threats

Salmonella

- To date, 32 cases of Salmonella Enteritidis (SE) poisoning with onsets between March 2003 and April 2004 have been identified and traced to consumption of natural raw almonds. The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has recalled the product distributed by Paramount Farms in California and notified those countries that received the almonds. The World Health Organization (WHO) indicated that salmonellosis outbreaks linked to almonds are rare and have only been associated with almonds consumed in their raw state without further processing.

HRSA Block Grants

- OEP has received copies of the guidance documents for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) state block grant guidance that will be submitted by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) on July 1, 2004. Proposals to maintain and enhance initiatives related to healthcare emergency preparedness are being developed by OEP and will be presented to DPH shortly.

Questions, comments, or suggestions should be forwarded by FAX to (203) 688-4618 or by e-mail to OEPWEB@ynhh.org.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
SOUTHERN TIER HOSPITALS SPECIAL MEETING	6/10/04	8:30 AM	CHA
STATE DPH BT COMMITTEE	6/14/04	1:00 PM	CHA
ACHE ANNUAL MEETING	6/22/04	12:00 PM	AQUA TURF CLUB

CURRENT DISASTER & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LITERATURE (WWW.SAFETYLIT.ORG)

BRADIC N, CUCULIC D, JANCIC E. *TERRORISM IN CROATIA*. PREHOSPITAL DISASTER MED 2003; 18(2): 88-91. CORRESPONDENCE: NIKOLA BRADIC, DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY, REANIMATOLOGY AND INTENSIVE CARE MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL DUBRAVA, ZAGREB, CROATIA; (EMAIL: NIKOLA.BRADIC@RI.TEL.HR). ABSTRACT: [HTTP://WWW.SAFETYLIT.ORG/WEEK/2004/04053.HTM](http://WWW.SAFETYLIT.ORG/WEEK/2004/04053.HTM)

WILSON WC, ROSENTHAL BS. *PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF ATTACK ON THE WORLD TRADE CENTER: ANALYSIS BEFORE AND AFTER*. PSYCHOL REP 2004; 94(2): 587-606. CORRESPONDENCE: WILLIAM CODY WILSON, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, ADELPHI UNIVERSITY, USA; (EMAIL: WILSON3@ADELPHI.EDU). ABSTRACT: [HTTP://WWW.SAFETYLIT.ORG/WEEK/2004/04053.HTM](http://WWW.SAFETYLIT.ORG/WEEK/2004/04053.HTM)

ONGOING TRAINING & EDUCATION			
EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
BIOTERRORISM: THE CURRENT THREAT, IMPORTANT BIOLOGICAL AGENTS AND MEDICAL COUNTERMEASURES (860) 679-1510 OR MPH@NSO.UCHC.EDU	6/8/04	3:00 PM	LINK ROOM UCONN HEALTH CENTER
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE OPERATIONS & PLANNING FOR WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION	6/15-17/04	8:00 AM	CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY EMS ACADEMY
KEEPING THE 'GENOME' IN THE BOTTLE: REINFORCING BIOSAFETY LEVEL 3 PROCEDURES HTTP://WWW.PHPPO.CDC.GOV/PHTN/BS13/	6/17/04	1:30 PM EASTERN	WEBCAST
SELECTION & USE OF PERSONAL & RESPIRATORY PROTECTION FOR HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: AN ALL-HAZARDS APPROACH	6/24/04	8:00 AM	CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
AGROTERRORISM AND PUBLIC HEALTH: REESTABLISHING AN OLD RELATIONSHIP HTTP://WWW.ADPH.ORG/ALPHTN	6/24/04	1:00 PM EASTERN	SATELLITE BROADCAST
MASS ANTIOTIOTIC DISPENSING: A PRIMER HTTP://WWW.PHPPO.CDC.GOV/PHTN/ANTIOIBIOTIC/DEFAULT.ASP	6/24/04	1:00 PM EASTERN	SATELLITE BROADCAST

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