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Training & Education

- Currently 9,545 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.
- Greenwich Hospital personnel will receive training next week on emergency management processes specific to their facility entitled, "Greenwich Hospital Emergency Management Plan: An Emergency Management Tool for Our Patients' and Employees' Safety." For more information, please contact Valerie Applebaum at (203) 688-2659 or valerie.applebaum@ynhh.org or Elizabeth Rivera at (203) 688-2656 or elizabeth.rivera@ynhh.org.

Biodosimetry Lab

- To support the State Biodosimetry Laboratory Initiative, clinical laboratory professionals from Middlesex and St. Francis Hospitals were trained this week by Dr. Joseph Albanese, State Biodosimetrist, on lymphocyte preparations for biodosimetry.

Hospital Smallpox Vaccination Template

- The current version of the Hospital Smallpox Vaccination Template is under review, with plans to present the guidelines at the next Southern Tier hospital meeting on July 8, 2004. The plan outlines the process to vaccinate hospital personnel and patients within 48 hours.

MEDSAT Communication System

- Weekly testing of the MEDSAT telephone system is conducted every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Please ensure that a designee from each hospital is available for testing of the system. Concerns or issues regarding the use of, or procedures relative to the MEDSAT equipment should be directed to Richard Kleindienst, Sr., at (203) 688-3912 or richard.kleindienst.sr@ynhh.org.

Drills & Exercises

- The Central Naugatuck Valley Bioterrorism Preparedness Region # 7 conducted a tabletop exercise on June 12, 2004 at the University of Connecticut-Waterbury Campus. There were over 100 participants for the tabletop exercise which included representatives from Griffin Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, Waterbury Hospital, Yale New Haven Health System Center of Excellence, State of Connecticut Department of Public Health, local public health, fire, police and emergency medical services, Connecticut Office of Emergency Management, Connecticut Division of Homeland Security, United States Department of Homeland Security, and many others. The exercise was organized and facilitated by the Connecticut Division of Homeland Security Education Center.
- Backus Hospital is scheduled to conduct a tabletop exercise on June 28, 2004. The drill will include local public health, emergency medical services, police, fire, and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). YNHHS has been participating in the planning and will serve as an evaluator.
- A tabletop exercise has been scheduled for Yale-New Haven Hospital (Y-NHH) on July 28, 2004. OEP will facilitate the exercise and individuals will be invited to participate through Y-NHH administration.
- TOPOFF3, a state, national, and international drill originally slated for April 18-22, 2005 has been rescheduled to begin on April 5, 2005. Connecticut, New Jersey, the United Kingdom, and Canada will be involved in the exercise.

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Emergency Management Literature

- Dr. Nicholas Dainiak, Chairman of the Department of Medicine at Bridgeport Hospital, co-contributed to a journal article published in the June 15, 2004 issue of *Annals of Internal Medicine* entitled, "Medical management of the acute radiation syndrome: Recommendations of the Strategic National Stockpile Radiation Working Group." The article is attached to this briefing or can be downloaded from: <http://www.annals.org/cgi/content/full/140/12/1037>.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Updates

CDC Biological Agents Modules

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has posted both a web-based and a PowerPoint training module on Plague on their website at: <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/agentmodules/biological/>. Other modules currently in production include Anthrax, Botulism, Smallpox, Tularemia, and Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers. Information on continuing education credits is available from: <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtnonline/>.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
SEPC MEETING	7/7/04	8:30 AM	BPT. HOSP EDUC CONF RM
SOUTHERN CT HOSP BT PLANNING COMMITTEE	7/8/04	8:30 AM	CHA

ONGOING TRAINING & EDUCATION

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
UNDERSTANDING AIR QUALITY IN THE AGE OF TERRORISM	7/12/04	5:30 PM	UCONN HEALTH CENTER CLASSROOM Q
RADIATION PREPAREDNESS	7/13/04	5:00 PM	UCONN HEALTH CENTER LINK ROOM
UNDERSTANDING AIR QUALITY IN THE AGE OF TERRORISM	7/14/04	5:30 PM	UCONN HEALTH CENTER CLASSROOM Q
NACCHO ANNUAL 2004 CONFERENCE	7/14-16/04		ST. PAUL, MN
WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION MASS CASUALTY PERSONNEL DECONTAMINATION ASSISTANT CHIEF GARY ALLYN GSALLYN@WESTHARDFORD.ORG (860) 570-3807	7/15-17/04	8:30 AM	CT FIRE ACADEMY
UNDERSTANDING AIR QUALITY IN THE AGE OF TERRORISM	7/19/04	5:30 PM	UCONN HEALTH CENTER CLASSROOM Q
RADIATION PREPAREDNESS	7/20/04	5:00 PM	UCONN HEALTH CENTER LINK ROOM

CURRENT DISASTER & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LITERATURE

CLINICAL GUIDELINES:

WASELENKO JK, MACVITTIE, TJ, BLAKELY, WF, PESIK, N, WILEY AL, DICKERSON WE, TSU H, CONFER DL, COLEMAN CN, SEED T, LOWRY P, ARMITAGE JO, DAINIAK N. *MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF THE ACUTE RADIATION SYNDROME: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE RADIATION WORKING GROUP.* ANNALS OF INTERNAL MEDICINE; JUNE 2004; 140(12); 1037-1050.

[HTTP://WWW.ANNALS.ORG/CGI/CONTENT/FULL/140/12/1037](http://www.annals.org/cgi/content/full/140/12/1037)

DISASTERS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

([WWW.SAFETYLIT.ORG](http://www.safetylit.org))

BACA BALDOMERO E, CABANAS ARRATE ML, PEREZ-RODRIGUEZ MM, BACA-GARCIA E. *MENTAL DISORDERS IN VICTIMS OF TERRORISM AND THEIR FAMILIES.* MED CLIN (BARC) 2004; 122(18); 681-685. ABSTRACT: [HTTP://WWW.SAFETYLIT.ORG/WEEK/2004/040621.HTM](http://www.safetylit.org/week/2004/040621.htm)

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