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ChemPack Program Update

- ChemPack Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) have been electronically sent to our southern tier hospital partners. Acute care hospitals are asked to ensure that the MOUs are executed and returned to Joseph Marino from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) via fax (860-509-7987) or regular mail (Joseph G. Marino, Epidemiologist/Coordinator, Strategic National Stockpile Program, 410 Capitol Avenue, MS#12 PHP, P. O. Box 340308, Hartford, CT, 06134-0308) as soon as possible. DPH is looking to complete the delivery of all hospital ChemPacks by the end of August, 2005. In addition, southern tier hospitals are asked to determine which of the following weeks would work best for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) facility visit.
 - Week of 7/25
 - Week of 8/1
 - Week of 8/8

For any questions regarding the ChemPack program, please contact Richard Kleindienst, Sr. at (203) 688-3912 or richard.kleindienst.sr@ynhh.org. Also, please forward preference of dates to Richard Kleindienst, Sr. at richard.kleindienst.sr@ynhh.org by June 17, 2005

Laboratory Training

- The Bioterrorism Response unit of the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Laboratory is inviting clinical microbiologists to participate in mini-wet lab workshops that will take place at the State Public Health Laboratory in Hartford. These workshops will start on June 14, 2005, for 2 hours and be available in a choice of morning or afternoon timeslots. These training sessions have been developed as a result of the bioterrorism drill performances and education and training survey requests. The wet lab will enable attendees to see the capabilities of the State laboratory and get invaluable hands-on experience with a few select agents. There will be a review of the CDC's Bioterrorism Response Guide Level A Protocol, personal protective equipment in a Level 3 lab and the sentinel lab checklist. For details and registration information, please refer to the letter of invitation or call Diane Barden, Bioresponse Coordinator at the State of Connecticut Laboratory, at (860) 509-8618 or Virginia Kristie at (203) 688-2594 for further information.

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International Congress on Disaster Medicine and Emergency Management

- Register now for the Yale New Haven International Congress on Disaster Medicine and Emergency Management to be held September 12-13, 2005 at the Omni New Haven Hotel, 155 Temple St., New Haven, CT. A pre-conference workshop, *Health Disaster Management Guidelines for Evaluation and Research*, and a post-conference National Disaster Life Support (NDLS) course will also be offered. Registration forms can be accessed at <http://yalenewhavenhealth.org/emergency/commu/natconf.html>.



Congress Call for Abstracts

- Have you developed, modified or implemented a unique method or program that will improve your organization's or community's capacity or capability to respond to a disaster? The Yale New Haven International Congress on Disaster Medicine and Emergency Management invites you to submit one or more written abstracts describing your unique approach or innovation for oral presentation. Abstracts will be peer-reviewed and those accepted will be published in the September, 2005 issue of *Prehospital and Disaster Medicine*. For more information and to access the abstract submission form, visit: http://yalenewhavenhealth.org/emergency/commu/call_abstract.html.

Statewide Laboratory Conference

- One or two members of hospital laboratory staff are requested to attend a day-long statewide laboratory conference, *Emergency Preparedness: A Conference for Laboratory Professionals*, scheduled for June 23, 2005 at CHA in Wallingford. Presentations will include: *The Role of the Sentinel Laboratory in a WMD Response*, *Safety in the BSL-2,3 Laboratory*, *Chemical Terror and the Poison Control Center*, *Food Safety*, and *A Hospital's Perspective on Emergency Planning*. As with last year, there will be no charge to attendees. Please contact Virginia Kristie, Laboratory Program Advisor, for more information at (203) 688-2594 or virginia.kristie@ynhh.org.

Training/Education

- Sixteen thousand four hundred forty-five (16,445) personnel representing other healthcare delivery agencies in the southern tier of Connecticut have completed EM 101 or EM 102 as part of their emergency preparedness efforts.
- The narrated version of EM 102 on CD is now available. Please contact Scott Selig at scott.selig@ynhh.org or (203) 688-2587 for more information.
- Emergency Management 140, *Incident Command Systems (ICS) for Health Care* (EM 140), has officially launched and can be accessed via the YNHHS OEP Learning Management System at: <http://ynhhs.emergencyeducation.org>. New features include:
 - A complete course glossary
 - "A Closer Look": Additional information about ICS and managing emergencies at hospitals
 - "At the Scene": A scenario featured throughout the course with review questions to enhance learning.

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ONLINE EDUCATION AND TRAINING



Emergency Credentialing Program

- As one of the more progressive Emergency Credentialing System (ECS) programs under development across the nation, an update on Connecticut's program was presented by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) at a national ECS meeting sponsored by the AHA this week focused on hospital implementation issues. Among the program components highlighted were the active participation of Connecticut's acute care hospitals in recruitment and validation of volunteers and the practical framework proposed to orient these volunteers to their roles and responsibilities both pre-event and just-in-time. To date, over 1,240 new volunteers representing all disciplines through the state have been recruited for the Emergency Credentialing Program (ECP), bringing the total number of healthcare volunteers, which includes physicians, dentists and midlevel practitioners to 3,291. For further information, please contact Carol Luddy, RN at (203) 688-5544 or carol.luddy@ynhh.org.



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

ONGOING TRAINING & EDUCATION

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
2005 SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE AND PREPAREDNESS: AN OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTIONS AND PREPAREDNESS (860) 679-1510 OR MPH@NSO.UCHC.EDU	5/31- 7/07/05	5:30 PM- 9:00 PM	UConn Health Center CLASSROOM H, FARMINGTON
EMERGENCY RISK COMMUNICATION CDCYNERGY REGISTRATION THROUGH: HTTP://CT.TRAIN.ORG	6/07/05	8:30 AM- 3:30 PM	HOLIDAY INN, NORTH HAVEN
LABORATORY SHIPPING & PACKAGING SEMINAR VIRGINIA KRISTIE (203) 688-2594 VIRGINIA.KRISTIE@YNHH.ORG	6/07/05	9:00 AM- 3:00 PM	NORWALK HOSPITAL
EMERGENCY RISK COMMUNICATION CDCYNERGY REGISTRATION THROUGH: HTTP://CT.TRAIN.ORG	6/08/05	8:30 AM- 3:30 PM	HOLIDAY INN, NORTH HAVEN
LABORATORY SHIPPING & PACKAGING SEMINAR VIRGINIA KRISTIE (203) 688-2594 VIRGINIA.KRISTIE@YNHH.ORG	6/08/05	9:00 AM- 3:00 PM	MANCHESTER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: A CONFERENCE FOR LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS	6/23/05	8:30 AM- 4:00 PM	CHA

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
SOUTHERN TIER HOSPITAL EMERGENCY & TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE	6/09/05	8:30 AM	CHA
EMERG PREP (SMALL GROUP)	6/10/05	10:00 AM	TE 106
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: A CONFERENCE FOR LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS	6/23/05	8:30 AM	CHA

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