

## Center of Excellence for Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response

*Emergency Preparedness Briefing*

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## ChemPack Program Update

- Acute care hospitals are asked to ensure that the ChemPack 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. 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 and forward their date preference by June 17, 2005 to Richard Kleindienst, Sr., at [richard.kleindienst.sr@ynhh.org](mailto:richard.kleindienst.sr@ynhh.org).
  - Week of 7/25
  - Week of 8/1
  - Week of 8/8

DPH is looking to complete the delivery of all hospital ChemPacks by the end of August, 2005. For any questions regarding the ChemPack program, please contact Richard Kleindienst, Sr. at (203) 688-3912 or [richard.kleindienst.sr@ynhh.org](mailto:richard.kleindienst.sr@ynhh.org).

## 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 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.

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

## NIMS and HEICS Fact Sheet

- The National Incident Management System (NIMS) Integration Center has received a number of questions recently concerning the relationship between the Hospital Emergency Incident Command System (HEICS) and NIMS. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), HEICS is an ICS-based crisis management plan for hospitals to use in coordination of their own response to emergencies or disasters. NIMS establishes standard protocols and procedures for incident managers and responders to work together to prepare for and respond to incidents of all kinds, including natural disasters and acts of terrorism. Additional information is available in the FEMA fact sheet attached to this briefing.

## Congress Call for Abstracts

- Has a program or service been developed, modified or implemented 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 individuals or organizations to submit one or more written abstracts describing their 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\\_s.html](http://yalenewhavenhealth.org/emergency/commu/call_abstract_s.html).

## International Congress on Disaster Medicine and Emergency Management

- Registration is now open 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/natlconf.html>.

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### Training/Education

- The narrated version of EM 102 on CD is now available. Please contact Scott Selig at [scott.selig@ynhh.org](mailto: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.

Please contact Scott Selig at [scott.selig@ynhh.org](mailto:scott.selig@ynhh.org) or (203) 688-2587 for more information.

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### ONLINE EDUCATION AND TRAINING



### Specimen Packaging and Shipping Training Opportunity

- Registrations are still being accepted for free training to be held next week at Norwalk and Manchester Memorial Hospitals. The State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Laboratory staff will present a complete hands-on full-day diagnostic and infectious specimen packaging and shipping course. This training will include changes that were made to the shipping regulations in 2005. Please register for either June 7th at Norwalk Hospital or June 8th at Manchester Memorial Hospital by completing the attached brochure and faxing to (860) 509-8627. Documentation of this training is now a College of American Pathologists (CAP) requirement for individuals involved in the shipping and packaging of infectious and diagnostic clinical specimens. CAP follows the U.S. International Air Transport Association (IATA) requirements that these individuals receive training at 2 year intervals.

### Emergency Credentialing Program

- As one of the more progressive Emergency Credentialing Systems (ECS) programs under development across the nation, an update on the Connecticut program was presented by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) at a national ECS meeting sponsored by the AHA last week. To date, over 3,388 professionals licensed by the State and representing all disciplines have been recruited for the program. The online training program, "EM102 for Hospital Disaster Volunteers" has been released and can be accessed at <http://ynhhs.emergencyeducation.org/volunteer.asp>. Each hospital that has agreed to participate in the program should provide the name of a contact person who will be asked to support recruitment of new volunteers. Hospitals are encouraged to use part of their surge capacity budget to support the minimal resources needed at their institution for program recruitment and maintenance. Carol Luddy, RN and ECS Program Coordinator, is available to meet with hospital contacts to describe the program in greater detail. If your facility has not already done so, please forward the name and contact information for your hospital designated ECP contact person to Carol Luddy, RN at (203) 688-5544 or [carol.luddy@ynhh.org](mailto:carol.luddy@ynhh.org).

### 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
SCAC	6/14/05	12:00 PM	OEP
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: A CONFERENCE FOR LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS	6/23/05	8:30 AM	CHA

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**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 <a href="mailto:MPH@NSO.UCHC.EDU">MPH@NSO.UCHC.EDU</a>	5/31- 7/07/05	5:30 PM- 9:00 PM	UConn Health Center CLASSROOM H, FARMINGTON
EMERGENCY RISK COMMUNICATION CDCYNERGY REGISTRATION THROUGH: <a href="http://CT.TRAIN.ORG">HTTP://CT.TRAIN.ORG</a>	6/07/05	8:30 AM- 3:30 PM	HOLIDAY INN, NORTH HAVEN
LABORATORY SHIPPING & PACKAGING SEMINAR VIRGINIA KRISTIE (203) 688-2594 <a href="mailto:VIRGINIA.KRISTIE@YNHH.ORG">VIRGINIA.KRISTIE@YNHH.ORG</a>	6/07/05	9:00 AM- 3:00 PM	NORWALK HOSPITAL
EMERGENCY RISK COMMUNICATION CDCYNERGY REGISTRATION THROUGH: <a href="http://CT.TRAIN.ORG">HTTP://CT.TRAIN.ORG</a>	6/08/05	8:30 AM- 3:30 PM	HOLIDAY INN, NORTH HAVEN
LABORATORY SHIPPING & PACKAGING SEMINAR VIRGINIA KRISTIE (203) 688-2594 <a href="mailto:VIRGINIA.KRISTIE@YNHH.ORG">VIRGINIA.KRISTIE@YNHH.ORG</a>	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
HOSPITAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING FOR MASS CASUALTY INCIDENTS <a href="http://NESHTA.ORG/EVENTS/CONF2005.HTM">HTTP://NESHTA.ORG/EVENTS/CONF2005.HTM</a>	6/26-29/05		RHODE ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTER PROVIDENCE, RI