

## Center of Excellence for Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response

*Emergency Preparedness Briefing*

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**Hospitals Reminded to Maintain Vigilance**

- Since counter-terrorism analysts remain concerned that terrorist organizations may attempt to target U.S. medical infrastructure in order to cause immediate casualties and disrupt health care and emergency medical services, hospitals are encouraged to remain vigilant about hospital security initiatives and to report suspicious activity to Connecticut law enforcement officials. Two pertinent documents, the Connecticut Intelligence Center (CTIC) June 10, 2005 Intelligence Bulletin and a False Hospital Inspections Update, are attached to this briefing.

**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/natconf.html>.

**Congress Call for Abstracts**

- 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. The abstract submission date has been extended until July 15, 2005. 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).

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**Southern Tier Hospital Emergency and Terrorism Preparedness Committee presentations**

- Michael Parry, MD, Director of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology at Stamford Hospital, facilitated a presentation at last month's Southern Tier Hospital Emergency and Terrorism Preparedness Committee meeting entitled, "Evolution of a Mass Vaccination Clinic Program from a Community-wide Influenza Vaccination Collaborative." In addition, Joseph Hines, HEM, Director of Safety, Security & Hospital Properties at Norwalk Hospital facilitated a presentation at the same meeting entitled, "Emergency Management: Community Partnership Development." Both presentations highlighted ways in which these hospitals have successfully collaborated with local organizations and agencies on emergency preparedness initiatives and are attached to this briefing.

**PVS for Hospitals/Centers of Excellence**

- The State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) will be offering training sessions for hospital staff who will be entering, reviewing and manipulating rosters of smallpox mass vaccination response team members using the Connecticut Prevent Vaccination System (PVS) database, an on-line Response Team Management tool. The training will consist of an overview lecture on the database followed by entry of test data and practice use of the database. The training will begin in early July and will be held at DPH's computer training room at 450 Capitol Avenue in Hartford. Information on training dates will be posted on <http://ct.train.org>. For more detailed information, please contact Rory Angulo, MD, MBA, State of Connecticut Department of Public Health at (860) 509-7691 or via email at [rory.angulo@po.state.ct.us](mailto:rory.angulo@po.state.ct.us).

**NIMS and the NRP**

- In July, the emergency management coordinators for the three delivery network hospitals and staff from the Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) will meet to plan a strategy for the incorporation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the National Response Plan (NRP) nomenclature and standards into their respective emergency management plans. In addition, discussion will continue on a more formal basis for standardizing the three delivery network hospital emergency management plans while maintaining flexibility to address hospital-specific needs and requirements. For questions regarding NIMS and the NRP, please contact Jim Paturas at (203) 688-3496 or [james.paturas@ynhh.org](mailto:james.paturas@ynhh.org).

### Training/Education

- Fifteen thousand five hundred eleven (15,511) 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](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.

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### ONLINE EDUCATION AND TRAINING



### Emergency Credentialing Program

- Over 3,393 professionals licensed by the State and representing all disciplines have been recruited for the Emergency Credentialing Program (ECP). Potential volunteers can now access ECP recruitment information through the YNHHS CoE website at <http://yalenewhavenhealth.org/emergency/progsvcs/capacitybuilding.html>. Each hospital that has agreed to participate in the ECP should provide the name of a contact person who will be asked to support recruitment of new volunteers within their institution. 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, ECP 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 Emergency Credentialing Program contact person to Carol Luddy, RN at (203) 688-5544 or [carol.luddy@ynhh.org](mailto:carol.luddy@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.

### 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](mailto:virginia.kristie@ynhh.org).

### ChemPack Program Update

- Acute care hospitals that have agreed to provide storage space for the ChemPack are asked to contact Joseph Marino from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) at (860) 509-8103 once an area has been identified that meets the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requirements for storage. Mr. Marino will arrange for the CDC advance team to view the proposed site. No site modifications should be made until approval has been obtained by CDC and DPH. The project is expected to be completed by August 2005. For questions regarding the ChemPack program, please contact Rick Kleindienst, Sr., at (203) 688-3912 or [richard.kleindienst.sr@ynhh.org](mailto:richard.kleindienst.sr@ynhh.org).

### Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

- Preparations are underway for another MRC recruitment campaign for returning and first-year students enrolled in the Yale University Schools of Medicine, Nursing and Public Health. Recruitment flyers are being developed for inclusion in student enrollment packets to be sent out in July. To date, the Medical Reserve Corps program has recruited and trained over 300 students to support the YNHHS delivery network hospitals during a large-scale disaster. Please contact Richard Kleindienst, Sr., at (203) 688-3912 or [richard.kleindienst.sr@ynhh.org](mailto:richard.kleindienst.sr@ynhh.org) for further information.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: A CONFERENCE FOR LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS	6/23/05	8:30 AM	CHA
YALE NEW HAVEN INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON DISASTER MEDICINE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	9/12-13/05		OMNI NEW HAVEN HOTEL

**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 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

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