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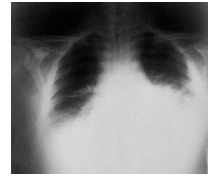
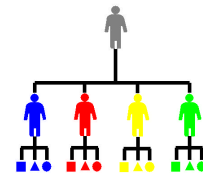
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Systems or Symptoms? Finding the Right Balance in Preparing for Emergencies

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Program Description: How many diseases of bioterrorism can you recognize? How many chemical agents are you ready to treat?

Much health emergency training focuses on the signs, symptoms, and treatment of the long list of biological, chemical, and radiological agents that may be used to cause terror or harm. The majority of healthcare and public health personnel have a limited budget of time and money for training, and many topics on which they must stay current. Consequently they may retain few details about specific conditions they seldom or never see.

There is also a national policy that requires everyone who may respond during an emergency to know the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Just as with rare diseases, a full education on NIMS includes detail the average practitioner will never use and may forget.

We must balance emergency preparedness and other education needs, and find a balance between preparedness education about systems and symptoms. The presenters will provide a rationale for a balance to facilitate a coordinated response to threats.

Learning Objectives:

After this program participants should be able to:

- Explain the difference between a focus on systems and a focus on diseases or agents and medical responses.
- Describe the systems that a coordinated emergency response requires.
- Describe where in the public health and healthcare system advanced knowledge of agents and treatment can be most effectively maintained and used.
- Describe how education, training, exercises, and evaluation can support worker competency and system capacity to respond to actual emergencies.

Who Should Attend: Healthcare and public health personnel in any setting who are involved in or concerned with emergency preparedness, including clinicians, administrators, emergency planners, training coordinators, and federal, state, or local public health professionals.

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