



Council of Community Clinics &  
San Diego County Medical Society

Community Health Center & Independent  
Medical Group Bioterrorism Collaborative

# Bioterrorism Preparedness Training

Important Information for Clinic and Medical Group  
Physicians, Mid-Level Practitioners, and Nurses



Saturday, January 11, 2003  
Hilton San Diego Mission Valley





# Agenda

8:00-8:30 a.m.

## Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m.

### Welcoming Remarks

James Schultz, M.D., Medical Director, Neighborhood Health Care  
Medical Director, Council of Community Clinics

James Knight, M.D., President, San Diego County Medical Society

Nancy Bowen, M.D., Acting Public Health Officer, County of San Diego; Co-Chair, San Diego County Healthcare Advisory Committee on Terrorism

C.H. (Bud) Beck, Jr., M.D., Sr. Vice President, Scripps; Co-Chair, San Diego County Healthcare Advisory Committee on Terrorism

**Moderator:** Ahmed Calvo, M.D, Medical Director, San Ysidro Health Center

9:00-10:00 a.m.

**Welcome to the Era of the Asymmetrical Threat:** What Clinic And Medical Group Providers Need To Know About Responding To Biological Warfare Events.

**Morning Keynote Speaker: Commander Pietro "Pete" Marghella,** Medical Service Corps, U.S. Navy Chief of Medical Plans and Operations, The Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon

Are we overreacting or is there a real threat of a bioterrorist attack in the U.S.? Commander Marghella will give the perspective from his position as the Chief of Medical Plans and Operations with the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. He will discuss this new type of "asymmetrical" threat, and identify where the medical community fits in to a community-wide response to a bioterrorist incident, in particular clinics and medical groups. He will talk about the medical planning that needs to take place in order to be prepared.

10:00-10:15 a.m.

### Break

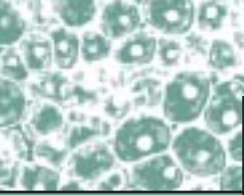
10:15-11:15 a.m.

### **Panel: Are You Prepared? Detecting and Responding to a Bioterrorist Agent Infecting Your Patient(s).**

What signs and symptoms could be suspicious? Does your office have a protocol in place to respond to an infected patient? What phone number would you call to report the infection? This presentation will provide an overview of biological agents including anthrax, smallpox, and other Category A biological diseases; and chemical agents such as sarin gas, mustard gas and cyanide. Speakers will discuss clinical symptoms, triage, treatment and prophylaxis, as well as the roles and responsibilities of out-patient providers in detecting and responding to biological terrorism.

Leland Rickman, M.D, Medical Director, Epidemiology Unit, University of California San Diego Medical Center

Michele Ginsberg, MD, Division of Community Epidemiology, County of San Diego



11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

12:15-12:45 p.m.

12:45-1:45 p.m.

1:45-2:15 p.m.

2:15-2:30 p.m.

**Case Scenario: Medical Group Preparedness: How would you Respond to a Possible Victim of Bioterrorism?** A patient with visible smallpox sores walks into your waiting room and collapses. What protocol does your office have in place to respond? What would the county do to mobilize for mass smallpox vaccinations if needed? This panel will discuss medical response, office response plans, personal protective equipment, communication, and mass vaccinations.

Gary Vilke, M.D, Medical Director, Emergency Medical Services, County of San Diego

Brian Tisdale, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Council of Community Clinics

Sandy Ross, RN, PHN, Manager, Immunization Program, County of San Diego

**Lunch**

**Lessons Learned: Diagnosing the First Case of Anthrax in Florida in October 2001, and the Aftermath.**

**Afternoon Keynote Speaker: Larry M. Bush, M.D.,** Infectious Disease Physician, Atlantis Medical Center, Palm Beach, FL

Dr. Larry Bush diagnosed the first case of anthrax on October 2, 2001, contracted by Bob Stevens through the mail at the media publishing organization where he worked in Florida. Dr. Bush will describe the characteristics of that first incident, and the subsequent lessons learned related to media communications, the relationship with the local health department, and working with the CDC and FBI. He will also describe the process of giving prophylaxis to 1,000 employees of the media company and the impact on the private physician community when the employees were told to follow up with their personal primary care physician.

**Would You be Willing to Volunteer in an Emergency?** Physicians and nurses interested in volunteering in the event of a terrorist attack in San Diego can learn how to pre-register as a Certified Disaster Service Worker, which provides protection from liability.

Deborah Steffen, Office of Emergency Services, County of San Diego

**Closing Remarks**

**Notes**

Video Taping: The course will be videotaped by UCSD Extension and made available to anyone interested after the conference. Simultaneous interpretation of English/Spanish will be provided. This event will be broadcast live over the Internet the day of the program and then archived in streaming video format for access on demand. Enrollees will be able to view the live webcast from a password protected site, or access the archived footage at their leisure through OnlineXT, UCSD Extension's proprietary learning management system. If you are interested in this option, please contact Elizabeth S. Robson at **(858) 964-1015**, or at **esrobson@ucsd.edu**.



## Course Overview

The one-year anniversary of September 11th reminded us of how suddenly a terrorist attack can happen, and how important it is for the medical community to be prepared to respond to these new types of emergencies. The CDC's recently released national smallpox vaccination plan to be implemented in the case of an outbreak, as well as the rapidly changing political climate, reflects the unfortunate fact that there is a real possibility of future threats of biological or chemical terrorism. The purpose of this course is to prepare physicians and nurses in community health center and medical group settings to detect and respond to bioterrorism emergencies.

## Objectives

- Identify symptoms of biological and chemical agents.
- Learn treatment and prophylaxis protocols, and triage procedures.
- Learn what clinic and medical group providers can do to detect and respond quickly to a bioterrorist event.
- Know who to call for disease reporting.
- Receive an update on the local smallpox vaccination plan to be used in the case of an outbreak.
- Apply for volunteer certification if desired through the California Disaster Service Worker Program.

## Target Audience

Community health center and private practice physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and nurses. Clinicians from Baja California will be attending and simultaneous Spanish translation will be provided. UCSD Extension's Border Health Education Network is facilitating the participation of Baja California's practitioners.

## Organizers

The Council of Community Clinics and the San Diego County Medical Society are working to assure that community health centers, private practices, and medical groups are provided with bioterrorism preparedness and response training. This course was funded through a grant by the County of San Diego. UCSD's Division of Extended Studies and Public Programs is assisting in organizing the course.

## Continuing Education Credit

The University of California, San Diego School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education ("ACCME") to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

It is anticipated that the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine will designate this education activity for CME hours. Each Physician should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the education activity.

Registered nurses receive five hours of relicensure credit. The California Board of Registered Nurses provider number is 00058.

**Pre-Register as a Disaster Service Worker:** Attendees will be able to apply at the course to become volunteer disaster service workers (DSWs) so that they can be utilized more quickly if needed during a terrorist event or other emergency. One advantage to becoming a pre-registered DSW is that as long as the individual follows procedures, he or she receives both workers' compensation coverage and limited immunity from liability while providing disaster service. This protects the DSW volunteer in any civil litigation resulting from acts of good faith while providing disaster service, including an act that results in injury or death.

**To become a DSW, the individual completes and signs the DSW registration form, and in the case of physicians brings a photo I.D., the original and one copy of the wallet license.**

A photograph will be taken on site for the DSW badge that identifies the individual as a pre-registered disaster service worker. The badge will be produced and sent from the Office of Emergency Services that identifies the individual as a pre-registered DSW. Although registration is still required at a central location in an actual emergency event, the process of being called and utilized is much faster for pre-registered providers.

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It is quite possible and even likely that in case of biological terrorism, the first case of smallpox or anthrax will be presented to a physician in a clinic or medical group. What do you need to know to identify the first case and respond appropriately? This course will tell you.

## Location

Hilton San Diego Mission Valley  
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## Additional Information

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