Bioterrorism

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This course will address the nature of Bioterrorism and discuss useful patterns of events, which may suggest that a disease outbreak might be other than spontaneous. The most likely Biological Agents for terrorist use as estimated by the CDC will be individually discussed and specific recommendations made on their identification, outbreak management and patient treatment. The topics covered in this course include:

Learning Objectives
- At the completion of this session the participant will be able to confidently:
- Describe characteristics and results of a biowarfare attack
- Identify characteristics of bioterrorism
- Explain CDC’s Category A list of biological agents
- Identify characteristics of anthrax including signs, symptoms and treatment
- Identify characteristics of smallpox including signs, symptoms and treatment
- Identify characteristics of plague including signs, symptoms and treatment
- Identify characteristics of Tularemia including signs, symptoms and treatment
- Identify characteristics of botulinal toxin including signs, symptoms and treatment
- Identify characteristics of hemorrhagic fever viruses including signs, symptoms and treatment

Competencies
- Recognize unusual events that might indicate an emergency and describe appropriate action (to activate response plan)
- Describe the public health role in emergency response in a range of emergencies that might arise.

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