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Bioterrorism: The Public Health Threat

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This course will provide a fundamental understanding of the threat of bioterrorism and the public health challenges resulting from this threat. Participants will be introduced to: biological warfare and biological terrorism; the historical use of biological agents as warfare agents; the nature and extent of the threat of biological terrorism; factors that effect dissemination of biological agents; core public health responsibilities in responding to a bioterrorism incident; and factors that affect a public health response to a bioterrorist event. **Nursing CEU's will be available (7.2 contact hours)**

Learning Objectives

- Distinguish between biological warfare and biological terrorism
- Describe the historical use of biological agents as warfare agents
- Discuss the nature and extent of the threat of biological terrorism
- Identify factors that effect dissemination of biological agents
- Identify core public health responsibilities in responding to a bioterrorism incident
- Identify factors that affect a public health response to a bioterrorist event

Competencies

- Describe the public health role in emergency response in a range of emergencies that might arise.
- Recognize unusual events that might indicate an emergency and describe appropriate action (e.g., communicate clearly within the chain of command.)

**Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness*

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