

# ATTENTION

## Public Health Update

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### **Anthrax: What Every Clinician Should Know : A CDC Satellite Broadcast for Clinicians**

**Where:** The Center for Interactive Learning  
The Learning Center  
New York Medical College  
Valhalla (914) 591-4531

**When:** Monday, October 22, 2001  
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. EDT

Call (914) 594-4531 for more information.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, together with the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association, and Public Health Training Network is holding a satellite broadcast aimed at helping physicians, nurse clinicians, and other health care workers correctly recognize, test, diagnose, treat and report potential cases that could be attributed to anthrax. The broadcast also will include an overview of CDC readiness and response to recent events.

The American Hospital Association said it is supporting CDC in the effort by helping to publicize the details of the broadcast, but is not involved in the development of the program content.

The broadcast will present clinical guidelines and procedures for the early recognition, diagnosis, treatment, and reporting of anthrax exposure. A panel of experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will provide an overview of clinical, laboratory, and public health preparedness for potential *Bacillus anthracis* incidence. Exposure incidents will be emphasized.

#### Goal:

To provide physicians, nurse clinicians, and other health care workers serving in private offices, hospitals and public health settings with an update of how to correctly recognize, test, treat and report cases that could be attributed to *Bacillus anthracis* exposure.

#### Objectives:

After the satellite broadcast, participants will be able to:

Describe the critical role the front line medical practitioners play in the public health system's surveillance of Bacillus anthracis exposure.

Describe the proper clinical practice for early recognition, testing, diagnosis, treatment and reporting of anthrax exposure.

Provide accurate and relevant information about Bacillus anthracis and the risk it poses to individuals and the community.

Target Audience:

Physicians, nurse clinicians, and other health care workers serving in private offices, hospitals, and public health settings.

Expected participants:

Tommy Thompson, Secretary, Department of Health & Human Services

Jeffrey Koplan, MD, MPH, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Ed Baker, MD, Director, Public Health Practices Program Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Bradley A. Perkins, MD, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

David S. Stephens, MD, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Emory University

This broadcast will be closed-captioned.