



Waterborne Disease and Acts of Water Terrorism: The New Role of Physician as Front-line Responder

CONFERENCE AGENDA

June 4, 2003

American College of Preventive Medicine
1307 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, DC

SESSION ONE:

***Overview of the Current Public Health Challenge and Review of Available
Physician Readiness Training and Resources***

9:00-9:30 AM Conference Introduction, Goals, and Objectives

- Moderator: **Arthur L. Frank, MD, PhD**
Secretary-Treasurer
Chair, CME Committee
American College of Preventive Medicine
- Welcome: **Bob Harmon, MD, MPH**
President
American College of Preventive Medicine
- Lynn Stovall**
President
American Water Works Association
- Introductory Remarks: **Patricia L. Meinhardt, MD, MPH, MA**
Executive Medical Director
Center for Occupational and Environmental Medicine
Arnot Ogden Medical Center
- Michael Sage, MPH**
Deputy Director, Office of Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Janet D. Pawlukiewicz**
Director
Water Protection Task Force
Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water
US Environmental Protection Agency

9:30-10:15 AM Keynote Presentation: All Preparedness is Terrorism Preparedness

- Keynote Speaker: **Richard Jackson, MD, MPH**
Director
National Center for Environmental Health
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
[Slide Presentation](#)

10:15-11:00 AM Water Contamination and Water Terrorism as a Public Health Threat

- Consequences of critical knowledge gap of practicing physicians in the US regarding the detection and management of waterborne disease and the health effects of water contamination
- Critical role of physicians as "first line responders" in detecting water-related disease resulting from intentional biological, chemical or radiologic contamination of water supplies from covert terrorism
- Introduction of www.WaterHealthConnection.org as a key physician resource for natural OR intentional contamination events and overview of specific web-based educational resources dedicated to physician readiness and anti-terrorism preparedness applicable to water contamination

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Author, "Recognizing Waterborne Disease and the Health Effects of Water Pollution: A Physician On-line Reference Guide" accessible at www.WaterHealthConnection.org
[Slide Presentation](#)

11:00-11:15 AM Morning Break

11:15 AM-12:00 Impact of Natural and Intentional Contamination of Water on Susceptible Populations

- Review of the medical and public health consequences of both natural and intentional contamination of water on vulnerable populations at risk for waterborne morbidity and mortality

Jeffrey Griffiths, MD, MPH&TM

Director of Graduate Programs in Public Health
Tufts University School of Medicine
[Slide Presentation](#)

12:00-1:00 PM Lunch and Keynote Presentation: "Water, Water, Everywhere, Not Any Drop to Drink"

- Overview of the physician's role in support of the public health system, the increasing importance of that role in the face of potential terrorist threats, and how best to prepare physicians for that role

Keynote Speaker:

James James, MD, DrPH, MHA

Director, Center for Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response
American Medical Association

1:00-1:45 PM Demonstration of Physician Readiness Resources

- On-line demonstration of www.WaterHealthConnection.org for conference participants
- Review of national medical outreach program and available educational materials, funded by Environmental Protection Agency, targeting physician preparedness training for acts of water terrorism

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SESSION TWO:
***Outreach Strategies for Distribution of Physician Readiness Materials
with Conference Attendee Participation and Collaboration***

1:45-3:30 PM Discussion of Physician Outreach Strategies and Recommendations

- Invited conference attendees' discussion in an open forum of existing and NEW physician educational outreach strategies at the national, state and local levels that will serve as distribution channels for the conference program and highlighted physician readiness materials addressing water terrorism
- Development of strategic plan to enhance collaboration and cooperation of all invited organizations to distribute conference educational resources through their organization and incorporate physician readiness training for acts of water terrorism in each medical organization's educational outreach and training of their membership

Facilitators: **Arthur L. Frank, MD, PhD**
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Michael A. Barry
Deputy Director
American College of Preventive Medicine

This session will include an afternoon coffee break from 2:30 to 2:45 PM.

**3:30-4:00 PM Conference Wrap-up with Distribution of Evaluation Survey and
Concluding Remarks**

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