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Community Management of High-Dose Radiological Events

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Course Description

The requirements for a vastly expanded supply of energy worldwide combined with nuclear proliferation and a more aggressive international posture for the development, deployment and potential use of nuclear weapons either for strategic or tactical purposes has created an environment for public health professionals in the 21st century thoroughly different than that which has ever existed in the course of human scientific and political evolution. In due course, recent energy initiatives fostering expansion of nuclear power production in the US as well as recent evolutions in international weapons development and their emerging strategic implications contribute to the conclusion that the ability of communities, regions, and states to react effectively to the challenges of high dose radiation exposure have become a necessary and inescapable element in the mandatory portfolio of capabilities of which today and tomorrow's communities must dispose. This broadcast addressed some of the principal challenges in doctrine, operational models, personnel, training and community preparedness which will become critical elements in Public Health Planning for the 21st Century.

Learning Objectives

- Prepare community leaders to identify vulnerabilities and select suitable tools and strategies for effective consequence management in the presence of a high dose radiation event.
- Enable Community public health personnel to examine the roles and skill levels for community workers/teams which effective intervention in a high dose event would require.
- Address the risk communications needs and actions necessary to facilitate a smooth transition of community members to the consequence management activities during a high dose event on which their welfare and survival depend.

CEUs

Nursing 1.5 hours

Social Workers 1.5 hour

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Preparedness & Response Core Competencies **Public Health Preparedness & Response Core Competency Model*

- 2.1: Manage information related to an emergency.
- 3.1: Contribute expertise to a community hazard vulnerability analysis (HVA).

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