

# When the System is Overwhelmed: Protecting the Provider During Biodisaster

## Satellite Conference and Live Webcast

**Tuesday, February 27, 2007 • 12:00-1:30 p.m. (Central Time)**

**1:00-2:30 p.m. (Eastern) • 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Mountain) • 10:00-11:30 a.m. (Pacific)**

The dynamics of healthcare change when massive demands are made on healthcare systems, particularly when providers are put at risk themselves. This presentation looks at the impact of various public health disasters on both the system and the emotional dynamics of caretakers. We distinguish between disasters, where resources were stressed but supported (Tokyo sarin attack) vs. those where systems were stressed and unsupported (Ebola outbreak in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo), 1918 worldwide pan flu epidemic, a worldwide SARS epidemic, possible nuclear contamination, and natural disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina. The impact of these types of events on operational planning, whether it is successful or fails, and the impact on staff ability to function are reviewed. Lessons learned from these types of scenarios regarding planning and implementation of plans are reviewed, as are data that reflect on the long-term implications to staff health and functioning.

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### Program Goals:

1. Prepare staff for dealing with the unexpected and longer-term consequences of catastrophic systems use.
2. Provide information that staff can use to prevent burnout and assist fellow workers and their families.

### Conference Details:

Target Audience: First responders; Public health professionals and their partners with whom they will need to communicate in a public health emergency; Community Planners; Command and Control Personnel; Public health and medical students.

Registration: [www.adph.org/alphn](http://www.adph.org/alphn)

CEUs: None for this program

Satellite Technical Information: Ku & C bands

Webcast Access: On the day of the program, go to [www.adph.org/alphn](http://www.adph.org/alphn) and click on the "view webcast" link. RealPlayer is required.

Conference Materials: Posted on ADPH website approximately one week before the program.

### **PROGRAM FORMAT:**

You are invited to join an in-depth question and answer session hosted by Joshua Klapow, PhD from the South Central Center for Public Health Preparedness. Dr. Klapow will interview leading public health professionals from around the country, and your questions will be answered live as they are received throughout the broadcast. The content of the discussions will be determined by you!

You can email your questions in advance to: [alphnquestions@adph.state.al.us](mailto:alphnquestions@adph.state.al.us)

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