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Preparedness Training for Clinical Laboratories

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This intermediate-level program will focus on practical methods clinical laboratorians can use to recognize agents of bioterrorism. Laboratory presentations and demonstrations will instruct the participants to recognize cultures, staining and biochemical characteristics of these agents. The safety implications of handling suspected organisms in clinical isolates and cultures and toxins will be emphasized. Procedures for referring suspect cases will be explained.

REGISTRATION

Registration fee is $40. Registration must be received two weeks prior to the workshop with payment due no later than seven (7) days prior to the workshop. Seating is limited. Registration includes workshop materials, morning and afternoon refreshments, lunch, and speaker handouts.

Checks or money orders must be payable to: Texas Health Institute. Credit card payments are not accepted.

Visit http://slph.ncpublichealth.com/doc/PreparednessTrainingApplication.pdf for workshop application. Mail payment to NCSLPH, Bioterrorism and Emerging Pathogens Unit, P.O. Box 28047, Raleigh, NC 27611.

Confirmation will be issued when registration is complete and payment has been received.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Continuing education contact hours will be awarded to all participants who successfully complete this program. The North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health (NCSLPH) is approved as a provider of continuing education programs in the clinical laboratory sciences by the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science P.A.C.E.® Program.

SPECIAL NEEDS

In compliance with the American Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations should notify the Bioterrorism and Emerging Pathogens (BTEP) unit at least two weeks prior to the workshop by calling 919-807-8765.

Contact the BTEP unit at 919-807-8765 or by email: BTEP@dhhs.nc.gov for additional information.

Lecture and Laboratory Demonstrations

- North Carolina Emergency Response Update
- Biosafety and Biosecurity
- Chemical Terrorism
- Bacillus anthracis
- Burkholderia mallei, Burkholderia pseudomallei and Yersinia pestis
- Brucella spp. and Francisella tularensis

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