



A Forum: Standards of Care During Prolonged Health Emergencies

Date: Friday, March 26, 2010

Location: Danbury Hospital, Creasy Auditorium, Danbury, CT

Time: 9:15 am – 1:00 pm

In the tragic aftermath of September 11, 2001, communities throughout the nation began intensive discussion, assessment of preparedness levels, planning, and training to prepare for the inevitable next national or state emergency. The potential for a prolonged public health emergency made it clear that healthcare providers and facilities would face the “perfect storm”: an immediate and overwhelming demand for services with an accompanying critical shortage of resources – skilled staff, equipment, supplies, and facilities—precisely the situation now occurring in Haiti.

To address concerns raised by providers about “crisis standards of care” during a prolonged public health emergency, the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) convened a multi-disciplinary work group consisting of representatives from hospitals and long term care facilities, nurses, physicians, emergency preparedness professionals, ethicists, first responders, and healthcare attorneys, to use their collective experience and skills in a collaborative manner to create a framework for addressing these issues. The workgroup released a draft whitepaper, *Standards of Care: Providing Health Care During a Prolonged Public Health Emergency*, and is now seeking comments on the draft.

Purpose

The purpose of the forum is to provide:

- An overview of the whitepaper
- Answer key questions
- Motivate comments on the whitepaper and participation in planning for standards of care.

Format

- Sign in and breakfast
- Panel presentation
- Break
- Questions and answers
- Next steps and how to provide comments

Who should attend

The forum is open to anyone interested in emergency planning and standards of care. Registration is required. It is sponsored by the CT Department of Public Health in collaboration with the Capitol Region Council of Governments and Yale Center for Public Health Preparedness.

Registration

Registration is free and is required. To register online, go to the TRAIN website at <https://ct.train.org> and select course # 1020872. If you cannot register online or have questions, contact Kathi Traugh at kathi.traugh@yale.edu or call 203-764-9718.

Continental breakfast will be served.