

2006 U.S. Public Health Service Professional Conference
Tuesday, May 2, 2006
Therapist Agenda
Session Descriptions/Objectives

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

LCDR Laura M Grogan, USPHS, Category Day Chair

State of the Category Address

CAPT Charles McGarvey, USPHS, Chief Therapist Officer, Therapist Category

A Snapshot of the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) Deployment Infrastructures

CDR Dan Beck, USPHS, Medical Readiness Manager, Office of Force Readiness and Deployment
CAPT Jim Imholte, USPHS, Regional Emergency Coordinator, Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness.

This session will provide a detailed look at current HHS response management systems. Presenters will describe the readiness and response programs of the transformed Commissioned Corps, compare and contrast new requirements and objectives, and provide guidance to officers on expectations, standards and training.

At the conclusion of this session, the participant will be able to:

- Describe roles of the HHS Incident Management Team, the Secretary's Emergency Response Team, and individual/ team response assets
- Better understand the possible deployment roles for therapists

Detecting Non-Musculoskeletal Pathology in a Clinical Deployment Role

LT Jessica Fedra, USPHS, Senior Physical Therapist, Bureau of Prisons

This session will help participants learn to perform an expedient patient screening for non-musculoskeletal pathology and enhance awareness of possible underlying conditions.

At the conclusion of this session, the participant will be able to:

- Perform a quick systems review
- Understand potential non-musculoskeletal pathology experienced in a clinical or deployment setting

Clinicians Equipped for the Post Disaster Arena

Dr. Lemmietta McNeilly, Chief Staff Officer, Speech-Language Pathology, Executive Team, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

This session will provide the participants with information and resources designed to meet the needs of survivors of recent disasters in the areas of swallowing, cognition and communication disorders. The presentation will include Emergency Communication strategies, considerations for appropriate referrals, suggestions for materials for inclusion in "to go packs", and case management approaches.

At the conclusion of this session, the participant will be able to:

- Utilize appropriate communication strategies with diverse groups of individuals surviving disasters
- Understand the roles and value of SLPs and Audiologists as members of the disaster response team

A Disaster Mental Health Primer for Therapists: Key Principles, Issues and Questions

CAPT Susanne Pickering, USPHS, Senior Program Management Officer, Office of the Chief Science Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

This session will provide an overview of disaster mental health principles and issues useful to therapists and other first responders to disaster or traumatic events. Examples of resources such as fact sheets and web-based materials for further skill development will be available.

At the conclusion of this session, the participant will be able to:

- List points for therapist and other first responders to keep in mind prior to, during and following a disaster or traumatic event
- Describe common needs and reactions of survivors and responders
- Identify reactions that signal a need for a mental health referral

Therapist's Role in a Crisis, Basic Management of Non-Life Threatening Musculoskeletal Injuries: An Evidence Based Approach

And supporting videos [hand](#), [elbow](#), [foot1](#), [foot2](#), [foot3](#), [foot 4](#), [foot5](#), [foot6](#) (in low resolution)

Paul Mintken, PT, DPT, OCS, Assistant Clinical Professor Physical Therapy Program, University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences

Denise Stelzner, PT, MBA, Associate Professor, Physical Therapy Program, University of Colorado at Denver Health Sciences

This session will focus on basic triage and intervention strategies for patients with non-life threatening musculoskeletal injuries.

At the conclusion of this session, the participant will be able to:

- Demonstrate a basic knowledge of musculoskeletal conditions that may require consultation with medical personnel
- Utilize patient education and biomechanical counseling to improve an individual's function

Noise Awareness and Its Effects on Health and Well Being

LCDR Karen Emi Kajiwara-Nelson, USPHS, Audiologist, Indian Health Service

This session will discuss the measurement of sound that is categorized as noise and how noise affects health, hearing loss, stress level and behavior. It will also address communication strategies and ways to reduce exposure to noise.

At the conclusion of this session, the participant will be able to:

- Describe how noise is measured and what levels are considered hazardous
- Describe three ways to reduce one's exposure to noise

Closing Remarks

*CDR Scott Gaustad, USPHS, Therapist Professional Advisory Committee
Chair*