

Advanced Topics on Medical Defense Against Biological and Chemical Agents

2. *Advanced Management of Nerve Agent and Sulfur Mustard Casualties*

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The issue of military readiness to respond to chemical warfare and terrorism is a vital and timely subject. Medical and civilian defense personnel must be prepared to treat chemical agent casualties originating on the battlefield and from mass casualty incidents on military installations and in the civilian sector. There are new advances in the development of measures to protect the warfighter against chemical weapons. The purpose of these products, protocols, and treatments is to insure that lives are saved and the long-term effects from chemical agent exposure are minimized. This live, two-hour satellite broadcast will provide the health professional with information critical to reducing the long term effects of nerve and mustard agents with the goal of insuring a quality of life for those who survive exposure. The program will be hosted by the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command at no charge to the viewer. Dates of future broadcasts for the series of Advanced Topics on Medical Defense Against Biological and Chemical Agents are 5 Mar, 21 May, 9 Jul, and 27 Aug 2003.

Agenda/Objectives:

- Discuss current and future developments to improve protection against nerve agents and vesicants;
- Describe acute treatment for nerve agent and best practice recommendations for prevention of nerve agent induced seizures;
- Identify the treatment concerns and quality of life issues related to the long-term effects of nerve and mustard agents;
- Discuss surgical and mortuary affairs management issues related to vesicant casualties;
- Live Q & A session with nerve agent experts.

Target Audience:

- Military and civilian medical care providers;
- Emergency and intensive care workers;
- Rehabilitation medical care providers;
- First responders and others who would assist in recognizing and managing casualties from a biological and chemical agent attack.

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