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Emerging infections and biotreats

Recent health events of communicable diseases around the world and the ease with which diseases can travel from one country to another, underscore the need for healthcare facilities and systems to be ready to address a variety of communicable disease emergencies. A robust communicable disease preparedness and response plan that is flexible and scalable can serve as a foundation to bolster overall control, prevention and response and allow institutions to adapt to changing situations that increase patient and staff safety. This presentation will discuss the core elements in a response plan needed to respond to any infectious hazard using an all-hazards approach rooted in the emergency management sphere.

Biography

Syra S Madad is nationally recognized leader in public health and special pathogen preparedness and response. She currently serves as Director, system-wide ebola and special pathogens program at NYC Health + Hospitals, Assistant Professor in the Graduate Biotechnology Program at the University of Maryland, and Core Faculty of the National Ebola Training and Education Center (NETEC), in addition she is a Fellow in the Emerging Leaders in Biosecurity Initiative at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health.

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