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"AIDS, Hepatitis & the Emergency Responder"

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About bloodborne diseases

The role of the emergency responder has taken on a new danger in recent years with the growing threat of bloodborne pathogens. Bloodborne pathogens are microorganisms in human blood that cause disease in humans. Both HIV, the human immunodeficiency virus which causes AIDS, & HBV, the hepatitis B virus, are bloodborne pathogens. Exposure to the blood or body fluids of a person carrying bloodborne pathogens can be fatal.

Unfortunately, in an emergency situation there is no way the emergency responder can identify whether a victim is a carrier of disease. For this reason, all victims and all blood must be treated as if infected.

There is no end in sight to the spiraling problem of bloodborne diseases, but with proper training and scrupulous attention to universal precautions, the emergency responder will be able to self protect against the growing threat of these diseases.

About the program

"AIDS, Hepatitis and the Emergency Responder" provides information to help police, emergency room personnel, EMTs, fire fighters and paramedics protect themselves against exposure to bloodborne pathogens. In accordance with the OSHA Standard on Bloodborne Diseases, the video explains OSHA-mandated universal precautions in detail, stressing that hand scrubbing and good personal hygiene are the best defense against

the spread of the disease.

The program studies protective clothing and equipment, telling why double gloving is recommended and demonstrating how to safely put on and remove gloves, goggles and masks in emergency situations. It advocates the use of disposable plastic masks rather than traditional surgeon's masks, and tells why beards may be a problem. The program also teaches how to handle contaminated clothing and equipment, and gives detailed instructions on how to safely clean and decontaminate surfaces that may have been infected.

Because needle stick wounds, a common workplace hazard, can have serious consequences, the program studies how to avoid these injuries and tells what to do if such an injury does occur. Although no cases exist of exposure through mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, the program suggests ways to avoid contamination during this procedure.

About the technical committee

Emergency Film Group programs are created with the assistance of leaders in emergency response training. Technical committee members for "AIDS, Hepatitis and the Emergency responder" include the following authorities:

Sharon Force, RN, CEN, NREMT-P, a member of the Prince George's County (MD)

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Dr. Donald Goldmann, Hospital Epidemiologist at Boston Children's hospital and Associate Professor at the Harvard Medical School. Dr. Goldmann has served on the Employee Health Guideline Committee of the CDC.

Jerry Grey, author of numerous texts and Vice Chairman of NFPA Technical Committee on HazMat Response Personnel. Jerry is a captain in the San Francisco Fire Department and has over 25 years in the fire service.

Emily Rhinehart, Infection Control Epidemiologist at Children's Hospital and a member of the CDC panel on "Guidelines for Infection Control in Hospital Personnel."

About the filmmakers

Gordon Massingham, director. For over 25 years one of the world's leading creators of emergency response training. Winner of more than 130 national and international awards.

Jane Christopher, editor. Well known to emergency response audiences, Jane has received several awards for filmmaking excellence.

About the Emergency Film Group

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