How Wise Are You?

The National Library of Medicine’s Preparedness and Response Resources
Who We Are

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- National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Pacific Northwest Region (NN/LM PNR)
  - Based at the University of Washington
  - Serves five states: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington
Services/Resources We Provide

- Promote NLM resources
- Provide training—like today!
- Provide training materials you can use
- Fund health information projects
  - Ex: Community Choice – Wenatchee
- Promotional materials for health fairs
- Referrals to local network member organizations
- Consult on proposed outreach efforts
Who We Serve

- Health professionals
- Medical libraries—hospital and other
- Public libraries
- Academic libraries
- Community-based organizations
- Faith-based organizations
- You!
- Emphasis on underserved, underrepresented groups
Objectives

- After today’s session you should be able to:
  - List at least three National Library of Medicine (NLM) information resources
  - Identify the National Network of Libraries of Medicine as a source for training on information resources and referral to local medical libraries
  - Recognize libraries and community librarians as potential partners in preparedness and response planning
Question: Have You Used NLM?

Have you ever used any National Library of Medicine resources, other than Medline/PubMed?

A. Yes
B. No
Question: Librarians in Your Plan?

Have you incorporated local librarians into local or state emergency response plans?

A. Yes

B. No
What We’ll Cover

- Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders (WISER)
- MedlinePlus.gov
- EnviroHealth Links
- Other NLM resources
WISER’s Origins

- Developed by NLM at the National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- Based on NLM’s Hazardous Substance Data Bank (HSDB), part of the Toxicology Data Network (TOXNET)
- Provides a subset of HSDB data relevant to first responders
  - Makes it available on a mobile platform
  - Wraps additional functionality around it, such as identification of unknowns
Why Use WISER?

- Designed specifically for and with emergency responders
- Easy to use
- Peer reviewed information maintained by the National Library of Medicine
- Free
WISER’s Features

- Key information for emergency responders on almost 450 hazardous substances
  - Chemicals, radiological isotopes, biologicals
- Tool to identify unknown chemicals
- Supplemental materials
  - Triage tools
  - Radiation event response guides and tools
  - Comprehensive electronic version of *Emergency Response Guidebook*
  - WMD Response Guidebook
More of WISER’s Features

- Available for Palm OS, Windows Mobile and PCs
- Available online: WebWISER
- Mobile platforms like BlackBerry and iPhone can access WebWISER
Anthrax is a very rare infectious disease that can spread from animals to humans. The recent use of anthrax by terrorists and the possibility of spreading anthrax for the purpose of warfare have increased people's awareness of this disease.
Question: Work With Librarians?

Do you see yourself working with librarians?

A. Yes

B. No

☐ If yes, how?

☐ If no, why not?

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