

ASPR TRACIE Technical Assistance Request

Requestor:

Requestor Phone:

Requestor Email:

Request Receipt Date (by ASPR TRACIE):

Response Date:

Type of TA Request: Standard

Request:

“Is there any Category A agent treatment protocols developed that can be referenced (user friendly) in one location and is current. Essentially I wanted to update our treatment protocols (Physician Approved Protocols or PAP’s) and the weights on some of our PAP’s were not in agreement so the more research I did and our Nursing Services staff researched, we found that this is not an easy find. The USAMRID Blue Book, Medical Management of Biological Casualties Handbook 7th Edition was the only document that really had consistent information across the board- that we could find.

“I just thought that our Nursing Services which updates these PAP’s once a year had a website like JAMA and that this was easy to locate. The more I inquire the more it seems that this is not such an easy task. We have some sharp people who researched this and quite frankly their kind of in the same boat I am in. Any guidance you can provide will be greatly appreciated.”

Response:

CDC Category A Bioterrorism Agents include the following:

- Anthrax
- Botulism
- Plague
- Smallpox
- Tularemia
- Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers

The CDC maintains a website with information for healthcare professionals on all Bioterrorism Agents. The main website is located at <https://emergency.cdc.gov/agent/agentlist.asp#b> and maintains an alphabetical list to all Bioterrorism Agents/Diseases with links to their most up to date treatment information. There is also a wealth of information available on the comprehensively developed [ASPR TRACIE Topic Collections page](#).

The following information is noted for each Category A Agent.

Anthrax

<http://www.cdc.gov/anthrax/medical-care/treatment.html>

[Brief Fact Sheet for Points of Dispensing](#)

Botulism

<https://emergency.cdc.gov/agent/botulism/health-professionals.asp>

Plague

<https://emergency.cdc.gov/agent/plague/>

Smallpox

<https://emergency.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/clinicians.asp>

Tularemia

<https://emergency.cdc.gov/agent/tularemia/>

Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers

General: <https://emergency.cdc.gov/agent/vhf/>

Arenaviruses: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/virus-families/arenaviridae.html>

Ebola: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/healthcare-us/index.html>

Lassa Fever: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/lassa/>

Marburg Virus: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/marburg/>

As you are updating your protocols the following information is available for Chemical, Explosive, and Radiological incidents, as well.

Chemical Incidents:

CHEMM – [Chemical Hazards Emergency Medical Management](#)

[ASPR TRACIE Chemical Mini Topic Collection](#)

Explosive Incidents:

[Bombings: Injury Patterns and Care](#)

[CDC Blast Injury Mobile App](#)

[ASPR TRACIE Explosives and Mass Shooting Topic Collection](#)

Radiological Incidents:

REMM – [Radiation Emergency Medical Management](#)

[ASPR TRACIE Radiological and Nuclear Topic Collection](#)