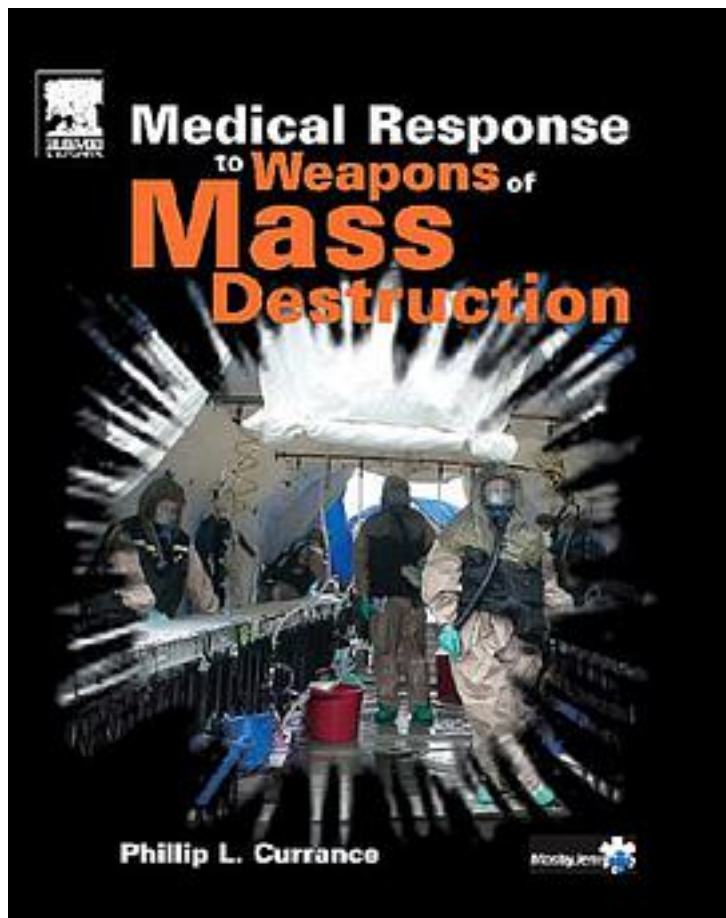


Medical Response to Weapons of Mass Destruction



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Before September 11, 2001, hazardous materials (Hazmat) in general, and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) in particular, were specialty fields. Today, they are a vital part

of our health and safety. Federal and local protocols regarding WMD preparedness are changing daily. Additionally, JCAHO has modified its standards to include compliance requirements for the health care industry's response to WMDs, for those facilities that seek accreditation. This text was developed in response to the growing need for education about WMD. Medical Response to Weapons of Mass Destruction quickly, yet thoroughly, brings health care workers and emergency responders up to speed and prepares them to respond to the release of weapons of mass destruction, such as biological, nuclear, incendiary, chemical, or explosive agents. * Contains detailed information on WMD response including types of locations that may become targets for criminal or terrorist activity, procedures, equipment, and safety precautions for evidence preservation. * Highlights signs, symptoms, and treatment protocols for common agents that may be used. * Lists specific actions necessary when an incident is suspected to involve criminal or terrorist activities, necessary notification procedures, personal protective equipment needs, appropriate detection devices, mass casualty decontamination, and scene management procedures. * Meets the new federal and state laws regarding Hazmat response. * Helps hospitals comply with JCAHO standards for accreditation * Covers OSHA (29 CFR 1910-120) and EPA (40 CFR 311) standards to the Operations level * Covers NFPA 473 completely (to Level II) * Can be used as a reference book or as part of a 16-hour course.

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