



A Forum Series: Standards of Care During Prolonged Health Emergencies

In the tragic aftermath of September 11, 2001, communities throughout the nation began intensive discussion, assessment of preparedness levels, planning, and training to prepare for the inevitable next national or state emergency. The potential for a prolonged public health emergency made it clear that healthcare providers and facilities would face the “perfect storm”: an immediate and overwhelming demand for services with an accompanying critical shortage of resources to provide medical care – skilled staff, equipment, supplies, and facilities.

To address concerns raised by providers about “crisis standards of care” during a prolonged public health emergency, the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) convened a multi-disciplinary work group consisting of representatives from hospitals, long term care facilities, nurses, physicians, emergency preparedness, ethicists, first responders, public health and healthcare law to use their collective experience and skills in a collaborative manner to create a framework for addressing these issues. The workgroup released a draft whitepaper, *Standards of Care: Providing Health Care During a Prolonged Public Health Emergency*, and is now seeking comments on the draft.

Purpose

The purpose of the forum is to provide:

- An overview of the whitepaper
- Answer key questions
- Motivate comments on the whitepaper and participation in planning for standards of care.

Who should attend

The forum is open to the general public and professionals interested in emergency planning and crisis standards of care. Registration is required. It is sponsored by the CT Department of Public Health in collaboration with the CT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and Yale Center for Public Health Preparedness.

Registration

Registration is free and required. To register online, go to the TRAIN website at <https://ct.train.org>. If you cannot register online or have questions on the forum, contact Kathi Traugh at 203-764-9718 or kathi.traugh@yale.edu. For more information on the project, visit www.ct.gov/dph/standardsofcare

Continental breakfast will be served.

Date	Location	City/Town	Time
March 3	South Congregational Church	Hartford	8:15 am – 12 pm
March 19	Quinebaug Valley Community College	Danielson	8:15 am – 12 pm
March 25	Yale West Campus	Orange	9:15 am – 1 pm
March 26	Danbury Hospital	Danbury	9:15 am – 1 pm
April 5	Vazzy’s 19 th Hole	Fairfield	9:15 am – 1 pm