

AHRQ's newly released hospital preparedness questionnaire is designed to allow hospitals to collect information on how well prepared they are to deal with a public health emergency involving a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive event. *Preparedness for Chemical, Biological Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) Events: Questionnaire for Health Care Facilities*, is a Web-based, downloadable questionnaire. AHRQ is not administering this questionnaire and will not be collecting data compiled from it. It is a vehicle for hospitals and health care facilities to administer at their discretion. The questionnaire was designed to be downloaded and administered by two types of users:

- States, localities, and multi-hospital systems, which can administer the questionnaire to hospitals and health care facilities in their jurisdictions to assess overall hospital emergency preparedness; and
- Individual hospitals or health care facilities to serve as a checklist of areas that should be considered as a facility develops or improves emergency preparedness and response plans.

The questionnaire has three parts:

- the administrator's manual is for the State or hospital administrator;
- the respondents' manual is for the person at a hospital charged with filling out the questionnaire; and
- the operations manual is for the IT staff who will be charged with setting up the questionnaire to be administered electronically.

This publication is the product of a collaborative effort between AHRQ and the Health Resources and Services Administration and can be found online at <http://www.ahrq.gov/prep/cbrne/>. Visit <http://www.ahrq.gov/prep/> for additional resources on AHRQ's Public Health Preparedness portfolio.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to speak with one of our experts. Thank you.

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