**Module 4 - Case**

**PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS**

**Case Assignment**

**Private Sector Partnerships: Terrorism**

Below are examples of private sector partners that should be covered in an emergency response plan for a town or city. Each are dependent upon the other and must work together:

1. Transportation (e.g., trains, planes, ships, emergency vehicles)
2. Telecommunication systems
3. Utilities (e.g., water, electricity, waste disposal)
4. Banking (responding to local credit demands)
5. Hospitals
6. Retail (e.g., lumber outlet, supermarket)

Although Transportation and Telecommunication are involved, for purposes of this assignment, you will focus on **Hospitals**. One of the main components of an emergency response plan is medical care. Depending on the type of terrorist response, medical facility caregivers must be ready to attend to the sick and injured.

Injuries could be from shrapnel, blasts, brain trauma, contamination from a biological agent, or radiation poisoning, for example. Those injured will be civilians, children, and first responders. Medical triaging, accessing supplies, and fielding medical personnel will certainly take priority. The Incident Commander must establish a liaison with the medical gatekeeper.

Some of the injured come from diverse backgrounds requiring assistance in understanding medical staff. Culturally appropriate communication is necessary. Depending on the multicultural configuration of the affected site, emergency hospital personnel may require interpreters or the aid of family members.

**Assignment**

1. View the video clip [*Radiological Terrorism - Training for Hospital Clinicians*](https://youtu.be/y78z8YZGREw). A “dirty bomb” exploded in the city, exposing over 200 men, women, and children to radiological contamination. Some patients presented with life-threatening injuries while others were not physically compromised but were exposed radiologically.

After viewing the video clip, comment on what the video says about treatment priorities; that is, life-threatening injuries vs. radiological contamination. Which should be attended to first and why?
2. Go online and search the title: “hospital’s emergency operations plan.” NOTE: You may want to place a specific hospital’s name before the title. Go to the section on radiological contamination and describe the steps to be taken. If the plan does not have a radiological section, locate a section about terrorism.
3. After reading the Shiu-Thornton et al. (2007) article located in the Background reading, what conclusion can you draw concerning Medical Interpreters as cultural brokers and gatekeepers?

**Assignment Expectations**

**Length:** This Case Assignment should be 4-6 pages, not counting the title page and references.

**References:** At least two references should be included from academic sources (e.g., peer-reviewed journal articles). Required readings are included. Quoted material should not exceed 10% of the total paper (since the focus of these assignments is critical thinking). Use your own words and build on the ideas of others. When material is copied verbatim from external sources, it MUST be enclosed in quotes. The references should be cited within the text and listed at the end of the assignment in the References section (preferably in APA format).

**Organization:** Subheadings should be used to organize your paper according to question.

**Grammar and Spelling:** While no points are deducted for minor errors, assignments are expected to adhere to standard guidelines of grammar, spelling, punctuation, and sentence syntax. Points may be deducted if grammar and spelling impact clarity.