



## Editorial

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### Preparing for Bio-Terrorism

On July 11, 2001, Dr. Salvatore Lanzilotti and his associates surveyed all physicians and nurses in Hawaii to evaluate our state preparedness in the event of an outbreak of disease due to the use of biological weaponry or by natural disaster.

Dr. Lanzilotti, Director of the Honolulu Emergency Services Department of the City and County of Honolulu, and his co-authors are to be congratulated for the only pre-September 11, 2001 study of its kind, which has been condensed for publication in the Journal. Since the unprecedented 9/11 hijacking attacks on American landmarks, subsequent terroristic threats of mass bio-terrorism have dominated political news reports. Efforts to inform the medical community nationally have been undertaken by the CDC in Atlanta and by the AMA, ACP, ASIM, and AAD.

Locally, Hawaii physicians and nurses are becoming better informed through CME seminars, web site programs, and publications.

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