
BOOK REVIEW

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Beyond Anthrax

The Weaponization of Infectious Diseases

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Biological warfare has, unfortunately, in the post 9/11 world become a significant topic of discussion in both the medical and lay presses. In the wake of the biological 'letter bombs' containing anthrax spores, the possibility of biologic and/or toxic attacks on civilians in any part of the world became no longer a possibility. It is now part of common discussion and consciousness. This book presents the history of the topics and clinically relevant discussions on those high risk (Category A) diseases beyond anthrax as well as a number of infections and toxins at the Category B level. Importantly, in addition, the text includes sections on Public Health Infrastructure, Public Health Law, Surveillance, Mental Health Management and Media Role all of which relate to epidemics of any sort, not just intentional biological events. Beyond Anthrax: The Weaponization of Infectious Diseases is

a product that should serve as a reference point for clinicians, epidemiologists and public health personnel to understand in practical detail many of the aspects of weapons of biowarfare as well as the appropriate responses to them. It will be an invaluable information source for all those with an interest in biological warfare, including those who require a detailed, organized primer on the diseases thought to be those on the forefront of risk.

Key Points:

- Most updated book to cover the gamut of potential biological threats related to biowarfare/bioterrorism
- Also covers significant issues related to classical and new epidemics
- Various aspects of the public health response to infections in both pre-event and post-event situations are also covered