In recent years, there has been growing concern that many of the most likely threats of chemical terrorism involve so-called “agents of opportunity.” Both common and unusual industrial agents may pose a considerable threat as potential terrorist weapons. While an understanding of the traditional military chemical weapons (e.g., nerve agents) remains essential, an appreciation of the myriad of other potential toxic chemicals readily available in our society is crucial if we are to optimally prepare, identify, and defend against chemical threats. This course will utilize a symptom-based clinical approach to describe the medical impact of various chemical poisons. We will provide a framework to enhance recognition of the common health effects of apparently disparate chemical toxins and introduce clinical, public health, and emergency management strategies.

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Please Note: Registration is free. However, because of the capacity of the room and the popularity of the course, registration is required before March 24, 2006. A course is scheduled for May 5, 2006 in Monterey, CA, and a course in the Southern California area will be forthcoming. For information, please contact Libby Vianu, ATSDR Regional Representative, at (415) 947-4319.