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Quick Guide to Dealing with HANTA VIRUS

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Quick Guide to Hanta Virus (4 x 6")

The Quick Guide to Hanta Virus will help you identify this deadly disease as well as understand the risks, preventative measures and clean-up procedures. Perfect for a variety of facilities and works as an excellent training tool.

Includes an excellent 10 step guide to clean-up procedures as well as respirator usage and fit-checking.

About the Hanta Virus

The disease is known as Hanta Virus-Related Acute Respiratory Disease Syndrome (Hanta Virus Pulmonary Syndrome).

There has been an impressive accumulation of knowledge about this illness in a short time, however, many unanswered questions still remain.

What we know:

- ❑ The risk is specifically to those individuals who come in contact with infected rodents.
- ❑ The risk of infection is slight but it is a REAL risk.
- ❑ 50% of people infected with the Hanta Virus have died.

This booklet will provide a brief review of the disease, its symptoms, cause, mode of transmission, treatment and prevention.



Risk

- ❑ Hanta Virus has been identified as a health risk to the general population in the USA, Canada and South America.
- ❑ The risk is specifically associated with contact with the deer mouse but this does not rule out other rodents such as: other mice, packrats, chipmunks or ground squirrels.
- ❑ High risk environments will be encountered when disturbing nesting materials, burrows, droppings and surrounding soil etc.
- ❑ The risk is higher in enclosed environments.
- ❑ To date there have been 387 known cases in the USA and 45 in Canada of Hanta Virus related illnesses. Approximately 50% of affected people did not survive.



If simple and reasonable precautions are followed the risk of contamination is very slight. The best approach for disease control and prevention is through preventing rodent infestation.

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