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# ***Medical Countermeasure Dispensing: Goals, Progress, and Challenges***

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# *The Anthrax Threat*

Aerial dispersion of anthrax over a large geographic area can be accomplished with commercially-available equipment and existing technology.

§ With potentially catastrophic consequences

The response to minimize Morbidity and Mortality requires comprehensive population protection with antibiotic drug ingestion as quickly as possible.

***Detect, Decide, Distribute, Dispense***



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## *The Cities Readiness Initiative*

**The Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) requires that a metropolitan area's population be comprehensively ingesting protective antibiotic drugs with 48 hours of the decision to do so.**

**The action may be sustained for 60 days.**

**It requires a highly organized, ready and capable workforce, and an operational capability that can be functioning within 4-12 hours.**



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