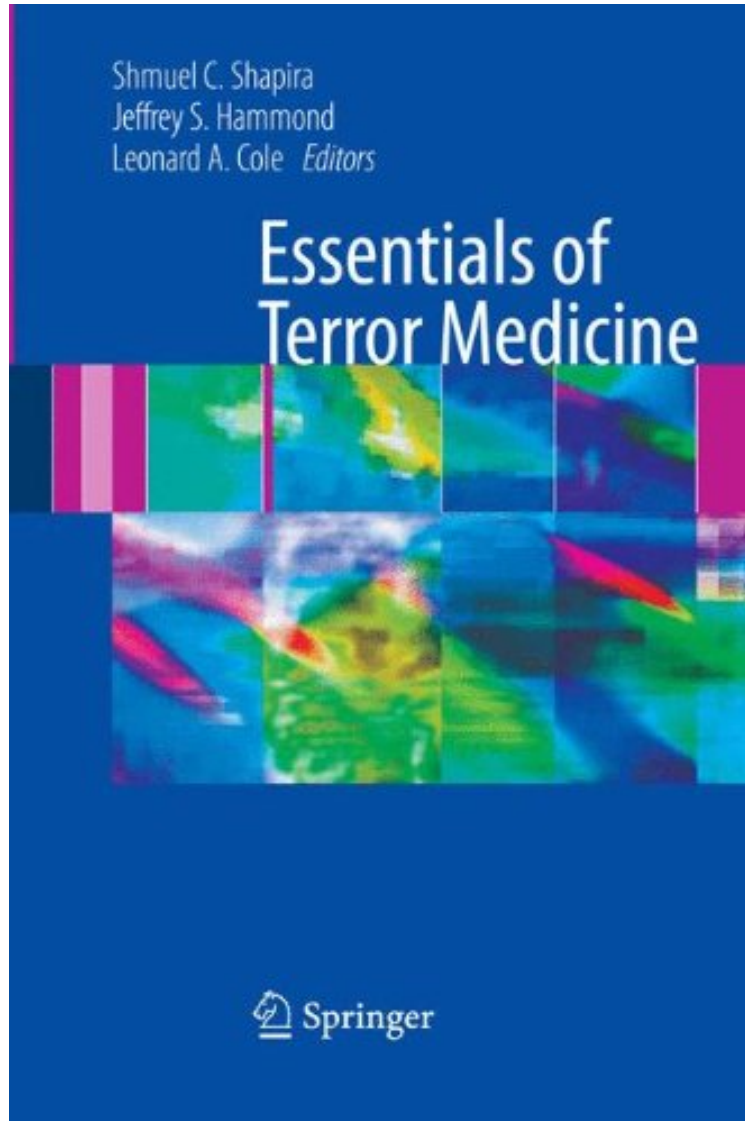


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ineffective but also counterproductive. Designated facilities were capable of doing a little for many, but not so capable of doing a lot for few. Rescue systems maintained sensitivity but lacked specificity. In this decade, we're learning substance from abstract form previously unrecognized. In "Essentials of Terror Medicine", authoritative urban war zone health care administrators and experienced trauma specialists have come together to collect, correlate and explain the cause and effects of disasters fomented by the new radicals. An unfortunate but necessary knowledge base for physicians in the new millennium. The text is logically constructed, beginning with historical aspects of terrorism, theory and function and methods of terror attacks. Then a survey of EMS and pre-hospital care issues followed by community aftermath and repercussions. These chapters are written by experienced observers with a first hand knowledge of their subject. There follows a treatise on training of medical personal to deal with the physical and psychological effects terror at all levels. The epidemiology of terror attacks- blasts, suicide bombers, penetrating and crush injuries, burns, chemical and biological agents, even the potential for radiation. The potential of martial law, understanding communications issues. Completeness of the subject matter extends to neurosurgical and pediatric injury. An interesting section on forensic examination of disaster scenes. Wrapping up this treatise is a very interesting chapter on psychological effects of terror attacks and the new ethics of public attitudes, quarantine and triage involving terror attacks. A complete and authoritative treatment of the subject. This is an important book. Uncomfortable notions of how to deal effectively with unique terror related disasters must be faced head on. We need to clearly and effectively examine what we have, what we need, and what we can expect in the future. We must now learn the "new way" of dealing with the un-imagined 20 years ago. Unless we learn the present and future logistical problems of terror medicine, we cannot effectively plan for them. These authors have succeeded with this volume.

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From the reviews: "An international group of authors present the basics of terror medicine. Practitioners and trainees in emergency medicine, surgery, anesthesiology, and other specialties treating trauma are an appropriate audience for this work. Administrators with responsibility for acute care programs may also benefit from this background material. I recommend this resource for practitioners and hospitals serving in the acute care safety net." (David J. Dries, *Doodys Service*, March, 2009) The latest single source reference to address the multitude of issues that arise in our fairly elementary experience in disaster preparedness and response related to terrorist acts. The challenge for readers is the applicability of the lessons from countries where terrorism is a daily concern to a country in which even the memories of September 11 have dimmed. *Essentials of Terror Medicine* does a nice job of consolidating and distilling important and practical information with a truly qualified list of contributors. (David V. Shatz, *The Journal of TRAUMA*, Vol. 67 (6), December, 2009) From the Back Cover A new field of medicine has emerged as a result of the global proliferation of terrorism. Terror medicine is related to emergency and disaster medicine but focuses on the constellation of medical issues uniquely related to terrorist attacks. The field encompasses four broad areas: Preparedness Incident management Mechanisms of injuries and responses Psychological consequences. In *Essentials of Terror Medicine*, these core concerns are addressed by a distinguished international authorship that has been brought together by the three editors of this volume, who themselves are recognized experts in relevant disciplines: Shmuel Shapira, epidemiology and hospital administration; Jeffrey Hammond, trauma surgery and emergency response; Leonard Cole, bioterrorism and public policy. Moreover, many of the book's 35 contributors have had immediate and extensive experience in the medical management of terrorist attacks. The book provides insightful and practical information for physicians, nurses, emergency responders, and other health professionals who may be called to service during or after a terror incident. *Essentials of Terror Medicine* is indispensable reading for the medical community of the 21st century, in which diligence, continued education, and careful preparation for a variety of possible events are a preeminent responsibility.