



# **BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL & NUCLEAR EMERGENCIES:** *A Physician's Education Program*

**Target Audience:** *ALL Physicians throughout New York State*

## **About the Program:**

On September 11, 2001, this country, the world and specifically New York State changed. As a nation, we watched the devastation of a terrorist attack upon America unfold before our eyes. We also watched how physicians and the healthcare community, along with our many other tireless public servants, responded to this public health emergency in droves, offering their assistance however needed.

In light of the threat of future terrorist attacks, the Medical Society of the State of New York, under a federal grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the New York State Department of Health, has developed this three-hour, CME seminar to provide physicians with basic information to help identify and respond to patients affected by biological, chemical, or nuclear/radiological agents. Physicians should be alert to illness patterns relating to biological, chemical, or radiological exposure that might signal an act of terrorism. This program is intended to provide an overview of some of those potential threats.

## **Program Objectives:**

- ◆ Identify patients who may be victims of some type of biological or chemical agents
- ◆ Understand available protocols for immediate treatment of victims of biological or chemical agents
- ◆ Understand the need and method of reporting systems to local, state and national agencies