

BIOTHREAT PREPAREDNESS TRAINING FOR SENTINEL LABORATORIES - *Francisella tularensis*

Description

This module has been developed to provide clinical laboratory scientists with information about the laboratory identification of *Francisella tularensis*.

The goal is to assist clinical laboratory scientists in better recognizing potential biothreat agents they might encounter during routine laboratory work-ups of sputum, blood and aspirate/biopsy specimens.

Laboratory managers may consider using this course:

- To assess staff competency in performing laboratory procedures accurately, and
- To determine if staff are referring specimens for test confirmations correctly.

Objectives

At the conclusion of this program, the participant will be able to:

- Describe laboratory tests for presumptive identification of *Francisella tularensis*.
- Describe how to rule out or refer presumptive organisms for *F. tularensis*.
- Discuss the role of the sentinel laboratory in detection of *F. tularensis*.
- Describe the basic epidemiology and ecology of *F. tularensis* in the U.S. including animal reservoirs, vectors, and transmission cycles.

Registration - Free Registration

- Locate the course online at www.cdc.gov/labtraining
- Follow the link to register for the course in TRAIN
- If you have difficulty with the online registration process, please email labtraining@cdc.gov
- For additional program information, email labtraining@cdc.gov or call (404) 498-6022

Continuing Education

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