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## Welcome to the Health and Medical Track



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# AHRQ's Role in Public Health Emergency Preparedness

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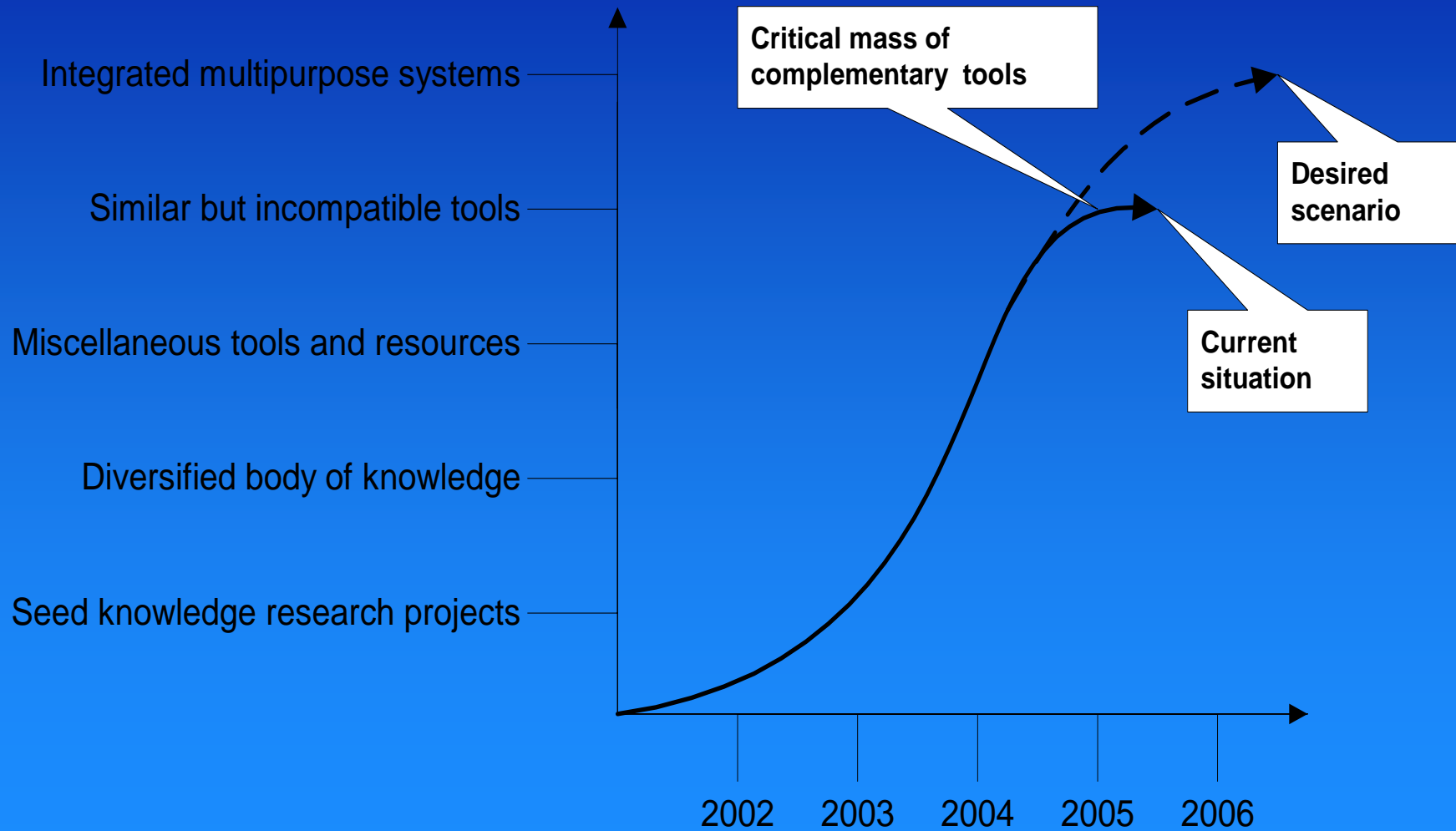
# AHRQ Objectives for the HHS Strategic Framework

## Develop and Assess:

- Alternative approaches to ensuring health care surge capacity
- Models that address training and information needs
- Alternative uses of information technology and electronic communication networks
- Protocols and technologies to enhance interoperability among health care systems



# BT/Public Health Emergency Planning and Response Evolution





# Triage and PreHospital Care

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# Federal Integrated System Initiatives

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- Standardized “Real Time” National Bed Availability and Patient Tracking System-Prototype
- Integrated Patient Tracking/Locator Model
- Models and Tools for Mass Casualty Surge Requirements
- National Mass Patient Movement, Regulating and Tracking System



# Altered Standards of Care in Mass Casualty Events

- Altered Standards of Care in Mass Casualty Events: Report offers guidelines for officials on how to plan for delivering health and medical care in a mass casualty event
- Includes recommendations of an expert panel convened by HHS' AHRQ and the Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness
- Available online:  
<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/altstand/>



# Altered Standard of Care Recommendations

- Examine how current standards of care might need to be altered in a mass casualty situation
- Identify appropriate planning, guidance, and tools and related issues to ensure an effective health and medical care response
- Recommend specific action steps to address the needs of Federal, State, regional, community, and health systems planners





# Emergency Information Center Model: Rocky Mountain Regional HEALTH

- Rocky Mountain Regional Health  
Emergency Assistance Line and Triage  
Hub Model:
  - Helps public health agencies and other first responders provide timely, accurate information during a health emergency
  - Follow up project: “A Model for Voluntary Shelter-in-Place through Community Health Call Centers”



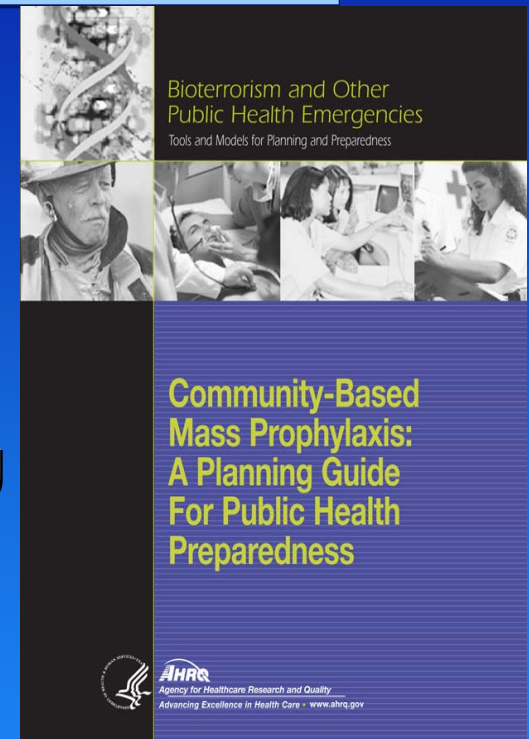
# Mass Casualty Response: Alternate Care Site Selector

- Tool helps regional planners locate and rank potential alternative sites during a bioterrorism or other public health emergency
- Available as an Excel spreadsheet
- Included in report, *Rocky Mountain Regional Care Model for Bioterrorist Events*:  
<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/altsites.htm>



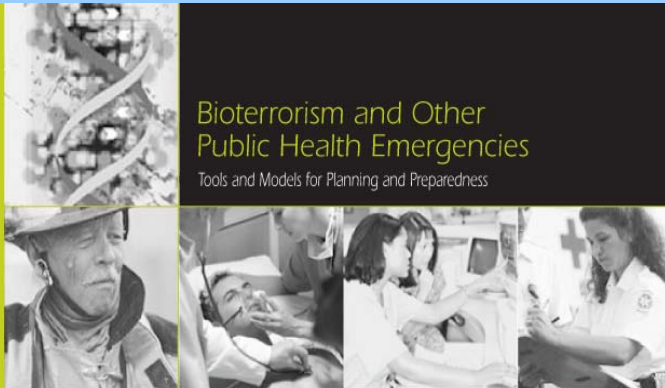
# Community-Based Mass Prophylaxis: A Planning Guide for Public Health Preparedness

- Planning guide helps communities nationwide prepare for vaccine and drug dispensing in the event of a bioterrorism or other public health emergency:
  - Provides framework for understanding dispensing operations
  - Applies dispensing concepts to be run on the Bioterrorism and Epidemic Outbreak Response Model (BERM)
  - Discusses command and control framework for dispensing clinics based on CDC's National Incident Management System
- Available in print (1-800-358-9295) or on the Web (<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/cbmprophyl/cbmpro.htm>)

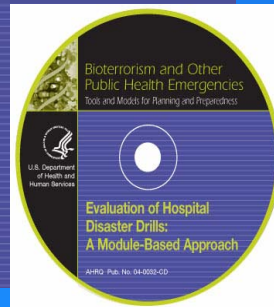




# Evidence-Based Tool: Evaluation of Hospital Disaster Drills



## Evaluation of Hospital Disaster Drills: A Module-Based Approach



- Helps hospitals to:
  - Identify strengths and weaknesses in their responses during a disaster drill
  - Improve their ability to fulfill required emergency management plans
- Based on need to:
  - Plan drill objectives
  - Train observers
  - Document drill activities
  - Debrief all participants

Available at: <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/hospdrills.htm>



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