

Anthrax: In Taiwan Versus in Western World.

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摘要

Abstract

After the events that began last September, the threatening of terrorism was attacked again, have heightened awareness of and concern about anthrax in the western world. The initial reports documented some cases of clinical anthrax in United States. These cases included inhalational anthrax and cutaneous anthrax, the serologic testing performed and confirmed by health officials of U.S., but newspaper reported indicate that around 28 persons in the same offices of documented cases had evidence of anthrax exposure on nasal swabs. However, some frights suffered from terrorism in Taiwan. Fortunately, there were no anthrax cases documented in humans in past 30 years in Taiwan, and only few cases occurred in animals. Comparing with western world, the dread of anthrax seems less in Taiwan, the ability of diagnosis or confirmed diagnostic tests were uncertain due to lacking real clinical and laboratory experiences. We therein make a brief review of clinical management of anthrax and provide a highlight for emergency physicians and other personnel of disaster response team. (Ann Disaster Med 2002;1 Suppl 1:S9-S16)