

*PSYCHOSOCIAL ASPECTS OF BIOTERRORISM
and DISASTER MEDICINE
Education for Readiness and Response*

Health Questions

Case 2G

PARTICIPANT INSTRUCTIONS

**Patient
Information**

- Jane Wagner
- 70 year old woman
- married, 3 grown children, living with husband
- retired, used to work as customer service representative at T.J. Maxx

Your Role

Primary care physician, has known patient for last 5 years

The Scenario

- Patient has DM for past 13 years. She responded well to glucophage and diet control but has suffered from macular degeneration for the last 5 years. She is here for a monthly diabetes nurse visit and to get a refill prescription.
- For the last 3 years patient also has arthritis in the knees which necessitates occasional use of a cane. She is treated with over-the-counter pain medication and physical therapy.
- Vital signs: normal, finger sticks and glycosylated hemoglobin levels indicate good control
- Patient lives in Capitol City where no one seemed physically affected by the attack.
- You've just written the prescription and remember that the nurse indicated that she also had some "general health questions."

Your Task

Explore patient's questions and consider issues particular to working with the elderly

**2 months post-attack
Location: Capitol City**