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Prescribed Danger

(NAPSA)—When you're a doctor at a small rural hospital, how do you treat a deadly infection that nobody has ever seen before? That's the medical dilemma posed by Gwen Hunter in her ninth novel, *Prescribed Danger* (MIRA Books, \$6.50). The mystery ties biological



warfare, white supremacist groups and the U.S. government together in a tight web of deception and death.

As an emergency room doctor, Rhea Lynch has just about seen it all. However, she is unprepared for what happens to a young child and her mother, who each exhibit a rasping cough and slight fever. Within hours, the two seem to develop full-blown cases of tuberculosis. A few hours later, despite Rhea's best efforts, both of them are dead.

Soon, the doctor's other patients begin to exhibit the same disturbing symptoms. This includes the Campbells, an interracial couple who had been admitted to the hospital after being kidnaped and savagely beaten. More deaths follow as Rhea and the FBI come to realize that they're facing a most horrifying enemy: a bacteria that was cultivated in a laboratory for the sole purpose of killing living organisms.

Hunter, who has more than 25 years' experience in the medical field, was previously selected by W.H. Smith as a "fresh talent" for her first novel.

The book is available at bookstores or direct from the publisher at www.mirabooks.com.