



# NBDPN News

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## Around the Network

### Network Awards

Each year, the NBDPN honors individuals and groups who distinguish themselves by their contribution to the field of birth defects and in service to the NBDPN. The following 2019 award winners were acknowledged during the 2020 meeting:

Award	Recipient
Godfrey P. Oakley, Jr. Award	Cynthia Moore, MD, PhD Paul Romitti, PhD, MS
NBDPN President's Award	Jennifer Isenburg, MSPH
Distinguished Service Award	Peter Langlois, PhD, MSc
Birth Defects Education and Prevention	Arizona Birth Defects Monitoring Program
State Leadership Award	Puerto Rico Birth Defects Surveillance and Prevention System

### NBDPN 2020 Annual Meeting Poster Session - Outstanding Poster Recipients

The in-person meeting provides an opportunity to share innovative analyses and systems approaches to outreach during the poster session. The following took top honors in their category:

Category	Winner	Poster Title
Case Ascertainment	Arizona Birth Defects Monitoring Program	Is there value in reviewing all fetal death records, compared to only those with maternal anomaly codes?
Birth Defects Risk Factors	Florida Birth Defects Registry and Birth Defects Surveillance Program (USF)	Proportion of critical congenital heart defects attributable to unhealthy pre-pregnancy body mass index in Florida, 2005 to 2016.

Category	Winner	Poster Title
Birth Defects Rates and Trends	Vermont Department of Health	Good comparisons makes good neighbors: A quality assurance comparison to other programs using readily available data
Prevention, Intervention and Public Policy	Wisconsin Division of Public Health	Expanded access to folic acid through removal of restrictions to Medicaid pharmacy benefit: What difference did it make?

## Announcements and Updates

The Network would like to express special thanks to the CDC for assistance with meeting planning and coordination, and to all who planned to be present as guest speakers, moderators, and attendees, and were unable to join us because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Thank you for all you are doing!**

### Call for Manuscripts

NBDPN will publish its annual national report on birth defects surveillance and prevention in the January 15, 2021 issue of Birth Defects Research. **Friday, July 3, 2020** is the submission deadline. Find details [here](#).

### 2020-2021 Membership Drive

The Network will send renewal reminders in May 2020 for the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 membership year. Prompt processing of renewals helps the Network run smoothly. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact [nbdpn@nbdpn.org](mailto:nbdpn@nbdpn.org).

[Membership FAQs](#)

## Partner's Corner

### NBDPN Partner's Meeting

Thanks to our partners who joined us during the 2020 NBDPN Annual Meeting, in person and virtually. Attendees discussed shared priorities and identified areas for collaboration in the coming year. A special thank you goes to the **Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)** for their contribution in support of the meeting!

### Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and Congenital Heart Disease (CHD)

Congenital heart conditions may increase the risk of serious COVID-19 for individuals of any age. The Congenital Heart Public Health Consortium (CHPHC) [steering committee](#) recognized the need for clear and concise information about [Coronavirus 2019 \(COVID-19\) and congenital heart disease](#). The document offers answers to questions frequently asked by people with congenital heart disease.

### American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Spina Bifida Webinar Series

Spina bifida is the most commonly occurring complex congenital birth defect and has been associated with increasing survival rates. This [free webinar series](#) addresses important care guidelines, and highlights the critical role of pediatricians, subspecialists and other clinicians in caring for individuals with spina bifida. Each module is eligible for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ and Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part 2. Learn more and access the webinars by visiting the [AAP Spina Bifida page](#).

## Connections

Get ready for the annual membership drive! Check your contact information and committee interests and make any updates. Under "My Membership Information," click "Member Information" and then "Change Contact/Profile Info." If you need assistance, or want to unsubscribe to the NBDPN newsletter, email us at [NBDPN@nbdpn.org](mailto:NBDPN@nbdpn.org).

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