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Around the Network

2019 NBDPN Annual Meeting is a Virtual Victory

Kudos to the Annual Meeting speakers and planners! The 2019 NBDPN Annual Meeting was held in early May as a series of webinars addressing topics in birth defects surveillance, research, and prevention. Feedback has been positive. Respondents expressed appreciation for the easy-to-access, online, on-demand content, and the expertise of invited speakers. We acknowledge our CDC, NCBDDD partners for archived content and continuing education credit availability (CME, CNE, CEU, and CECH) until May of 2021. See details on our [website](#).

Did you attend the meeting? Your feedback is valuable! Help us to improve future offerings. Submit your review: [2019 NBDPN Annual Meeting Evaluation](#).

Birth Defects Prevention Month 2020

The Education and Outreach Committee is already busy with BD Prevention Month 2020 planning. The committee is expanding on the "Best for You. Best for Baby" before and between pregnancy messaging, with content for additional audiences and more social media tools. Contact [Mary Knapp](#) to join in.

Announcements and Reminders

Membership Renewal

The NBDPN membership year is July 1 through June 30. All members should have received an invoice for 2019-2020 membership dues. If you have any questions, please contact us at NBDPNinc@nbdpn.org.

June is National CMV Awareness Month

National Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Awareness Month is a health observance held each June to bring awareness to the most common infectious cause of birth defects. About 1 in 5 babies with congenital CMV infection will have birth defects or other long-term health problems, such as hearing loss. For [National CMV Awareness Month 2019](#) the CDC is offering free graphics, social media posts, and other information resources.

Partners Corner

MOD PeriStats

March of Dimes continues to work with NBDPN to promote the most recent data from surveillance programs in birth defects research. In 2019, March of Dimes website PeriStats was updated with data from 41 population-based birth defect surveillance programs. Over 50 condition-specific defects are represented on a state by state

basis. Prevalence for these conditions are provided by maternal race/ethnicity, maternal age, and selected conditions.

Congenital Heart Happenings

There is some great news for people with congenital heart disease (CHD) and the heart care and research community! The [Adult Congenital Heart Association \(ACHA\)](#) has launched a national [accreditation program](#) for adult CHD comprehensive care centers. ACHA has also announced funding for their [inaugural research grants](#). For regular updates from ACHA, subscribe to the *Heart Happenings* newsletter or go to www.ACHA.org.

The [Congenital Heart Public Health Consortium \(CHPHC\)](#) recently published the article [Public Health Approach to Improve Outcomes for Congenital Heart Disease Across the Lifespan](#) in the April Issue of the Journal of the American Heart Association. This article provides an overview of the public health framework for addressing CHDs, describing knowledge gaps, barriers to care, and opportunities for epidemiologic research. Prepare for action!

Connections

Stay Connected

When was the last time you logged into the Members Section? If you can't recall, it's been too long! Keep your contact information and committee interests up-to-date by reviewing your member information annually. Under "My Membership Information", click "Member Information" and then "Change Contact/Profile Info", then update your member profile.

If you need assistance, or want to unsubscribe to the NBDPN e-newsletter, email us at NBDPN@nbdpn.org. We'll help you update your member information.

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