



# NBDPN News

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## Announcements and Updates

### Elected Officers 2017

The votes are in! Congratulations to our newly elected officers:

Jason Salemi (TX): President Elect

Amy Steele (UT): Secretary-Treasurer Elect

Vinita Leedom (SC): Member-at-Large

Peter Langlois steps into the role of President, while Marlene Anderka continues to serve in the capacity of Immediate Past President. Rachel Rutkowski becomes the 2017 Secretary-Treasurer. Thank you to the NBDPN Membership and Elections team and all the candidates for a successful election.

### 2017 NBDPN Annual Meeting

The Network's Annual Meeting committee is preparing for a virtual annual meeting in 2017.

Join the dynamic bunch planning next year's educational meeting:

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Prerecorded sessions from this year's meeting are available online. View archived content at: <https://ondieh.adobeconnect.com/nbdpn2016> (enter as a guest).

### Publication: *Recognition and Management of Medical Complexity*

This clinical report [in Pediatrics](#) calls attention to the need for research, payment, and policy reforms to improve care management and reduce costs for children with medically complex or multiple chronic conditions as a distinct group.

### Support NBDPN

Help support the NBDPN whenever you shop online. #StartWithaSmile at [smile.amazon.com/ch/52-2265290](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-2265290) and Amazon donates to the National Birth Defects Prevention Network! Thanks to our members, the Network is seeing the benefits.

## Around the Network

### 2016 Annual Report

NBDPN's annual report is now available in a special issue of Birth Defects Research Part A. The report includes directory information for birth defects programs, state-specific data on 45 selected birth defects, and journal articles on birth defects surveillance and epidemiology. Highlights include [Editorial brain malformation surveillance in the Zika era](#) and a special report on [congenital microcephaly surveillance and potential sources of variation](#).

### Prevent Infections for Baby's Protection

Birth Defects Prevention Month 2017 is right around the corner. Kudos to the Network's Education and Outreach Committee with representatives from many states and partner organizations for a great [packet of prevention materials](#) for use in January and throughout the year.

The theme resources for each week in January are:

- Week 1 (January 1-7): Talk to your healthcare provider
- Week 2 (January 8-14): Properly prepare food, and Folic acid awareness week!
- Week 3 (January 15-21): Maintain good hygiene
- Week 4 (January 22-28): Protect yourself from animals and insects known to carry diseases such as Zika virus.

### Folic Acid Awareness Week

January 8-14, 2017 is Folic Acid Awareness Week. Visit our webpage to access social media materials and more.

**Thunderclap**

The CDC Prevent to Protect thunderclap will be distributed January 18th at noon ET. Sign up with your social media account (Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, etc). Find details [here](#) and help us spread the word about how to **#Prevent2Protect**.

**Partner's Corner****Public Health Thank You Day**

NBDPN is grateful to our state, territory, federal and local public health members and partners. On November 24th, [Research!America](#) and leading public health organizations recognized public health professionals who work tirelessly every day to protect us from disease, injury, and other health threats.

**National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)**

NIOSH provides an online resource with information about [reproductive health and the workplace](#) addressing issues such as [noise exposure](#) and exposure to [infectious agents](#) while at work.

**Congenital Heart Public Health Consortium**

The CHPHC mission is to prevent congenital heart defects and improve outcomes for affected children and adults. Find information about the CHPHC committees and activities [here](#). The Consortium offers resources for clinical providers, individuals with CHDs and their families, and the lay public.

[Reproductive health for young women with congenital heart defects](#)

**Facebook and Feedback****NBDPN Facebook Site**

The NBDPN Facebook site is <https://www.facebook.com/nbdpn>. Be sure to "like" us on Facebook to get the latest NBDPN updates.

**Twitter**

Follow us on Twitter ([@NBDPN](#)). Spread the word with #1in33 and #LivingmyPACT.

**Feedback on NBDPN News**

Tell us how we're doing by taking this [brief survey!](#) If you have any suggestions or comments about the NBDPN News, especially suggestions for future topic ideas, please e-mail [nbdpn@nbdpn.org](mailto:nbdpn@nbdpn.org).