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Around the Network

2015 Officers

We thank the NBDPN members who have stepped into leadership roles for 2015: [Paul Romitti](#) (IA, President), [Marlene Anderka](#) (MA, President-elect), [Glenn Copeland](#) (MI, Immediate Past-president), [Amy Nance](#) (UT, Secretary-Treasurer), [Rachel Rutkowski](#) (FL, Member-at-large).

Network Website Update

The NBDPN's Members Area has a new look. Go to www.nbdpn.org and log-in to the members only section to explore it. Contact [Joan Ehrhardt](#) with feedback and suggestions.

NTD Recurrence Survey

The NTD/Folic Acid Committee is conducting a survey of outreach activities targeting NTD recurrence prevention in the U.S. and Canada. The survey was sent to all state and provincial contacts. The survey deadline is Wednesday, February 18th. If you have any questions, contact [Tim Flood](#) and [Barbara Frohnert](#).

Announcements and Updates

World Birth Defects Day

The inaugural World Birth Defects Day is March 3, 2015. NBDPN and 11 other organizations around the globe will raise awareness about birth defects. Additional information is available on the International Clearinghouse for Birth Defects Research and Prevention website [here](#).

Call for Manuscripts

The NBDPN has issued a call for manuscripts for its 17th national birth defects report, to be published in Birth Defects Research Part A (BDRA), November 2015. Manuscripts are peer-reviewed and approved under BDRA guidelines. The due date for manuscripts is **May 1, 2015**. For more information, visit our call for manuscripts page [here](#).

NBDPN Resource Highlights

2014 Data Report

Did you know that you can view the NBDPN 2014 special issue of "Congenital Malformations Surveillance Report" on the NBDPN website? [Click here to go to our Annual Report page](#). Starting this year the Annual Report data has also been made available on the March of Dimes' Peristats page. [Click here to view the data on Peristats](#).

The issue contains many topics of interest to NBDPN members, such as papers on leveraging birth defects surveillance data for health service research, hospitalizations and associated costs for children with Down syndrome in Florida, SES/acculturation and anotia/microtia, pesticide exposure and NTDs, and state-specific data for over 45 birth defects.

Survival of Children with Birth Defects: Multi-State Collaborative Project

Take a look at the NBDPN's latest collaborative project: [Racial/Ethnic Difference in Survival of United States Children with Birth Defects: A Population-Based Study](#). For a listing of other NBDPN Collaborative projects visit the [Multi-state Collaborative projects page](#).

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.



Feedback on NBDPN News

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If you have any suggestions or comments about the NBDPN news, especially suggestions for future topic ideas, please e-mail nbdpn@nbdpn.org.

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