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## Announcements and Updates

### July 30th is Gastroschisis Awareness Day

Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation is dedicated to gastroschisis research, awareness and family support. To join the conversation, use #gastroschisisawarenessday! Organized events are planned in several states, beginning July 23rd and continuing through August 7th. Look for events near you [here](#).

### June was National Congenital CMV Awareness Month

Cytomegalovirus (CMV) is a common infection that may cause health problems such as microcephaly and hearing loss if babies are infected before birth. For more information go [here](#).

### Birth Defects Prevention Month 2017

Each year NBDPN, in collaboration with the CDC, creates a new information packet in January. The theme is 'Prevent Infections for Baby's Protection' (#Prevent2Protect). Contact [Mary Knapp](#), Education and Outreach Committee Chair, if you're interested in helping to develop the folder of resources.

### Publication Highlight - 'Survival of children with trisomy 13 and trisomy 18: a multi-state population-based study'

The purpose of this study is to assess current mortality data for trisomy 13 and trisomy 18. Find the abstract [here](#).

### Amazon Smile Donations

Support the Network when you shop, by shopping at AmazonSmile. Amazon will donate .5% of the price of eligible purchases to the Network. To start, click [here](#).

## Around the Network

### 2016 NBDPN Annual Meeting

The Network's virtual educational meeting featured live sessions from favorite speakers like Tom Sadler, Jan Byrne, and Jan Cragan. Prerecorded webinars covered practical applications of health service utilization, a guided demonstration in data visualization, and analytic approaches to investigate rare outcomes. Prerecorded sessions are available online. View archived content at: <https://ondieh.adobeconnect.com/nbdpn2016> (enter as a guest).

### NBDPN Membership Renewals

Now, during the Annual Membership Drive, is the time for all members to renew their membership. If you have not seen a renewal reminder, or need assistance, please contact us at [NBDPN@NBDPN.org](mailto:NBDPN@NBDPN.org). Also remember to invite colleagues, and interested laymen and professionals to consider joining us as members.

### NBDPN Mentorship Program

The Network began a mentoring program last summer. The NBDPN mentoring program is helping Network members reach their goals by setting up professionals experienced in specific areas of birth defects with those who would like to gain or sharpen their skills in those areas. Complete a short survey, found in the Members Area online under "Membership Business," to indicate your areas of interest and/or expertise. The NBDPN mentoring program is a great way to help others, enhance knowledge and skills, and build relationships. For more information or assistance, contact us at [Mentor@NBDPN.org](mailto:Mentor@NBDPN.org).

## Partner's Corner

### Teratology Society

*New Horizons in Birth Defects Research* was the theme of the 2016 Teratology Society Meeting. Highlights

included special sessions on microcephaly, and on the increasing prevalence of gastroschisis. NBDPN members attending the recent meeting in San Antonio, TX, staffed the NBDPN exhibit and enjoyed the many networking and educational opportunities. Leadership from both the Teratology Society and NBDPN met to discuss future collaboration.

**March of Dimes (MOD)**

MOD has been working to keep the public, professionals and policy makers informed about prevention strategies, resources and infrastructure needs. NBDPN is working with MOD and other partners to educate federal policy makers about the importance of surveillance.

[A Member's Review of the 2016 Teratology Society Annual Meeting](#)

**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**

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**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).

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