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Around the Network

Congenital Zika Virus Infection

Kudos to the many Network members and colleagues who are contributing to the understanding of the public health impact of Zika virus through targeted birth defects surveillance activities and related United States Zika Pregnancy Registry (USZPR) activities! The National Birth Defects Prevention Network (NBDPN) has heard about challenges encountered in the ongoing public health response to the Zika virus outbreak. We are inviting Network members to tell us how Zika is impacting their work. In this and future issues, we will share their thoughts and experiences.

[NBDPN Members and the Zika response](#)

Announcements

NBDPN Annual Report

The 2017 Congenital Malformations Surveillance Report will be published in Birth Defects Research in November. The focus of this year's data brief will be gastrointestinal defects. Thank you to everyone who submitted articles for peer review and data for the Network's Annual Report.

Virtual Annual Meeting - Save the Date

Mark your calendars for the NBDPN 2017 Annual Meeting!

September 13th and 14th.

The meeting will be in webinar format, with a combination of live and pre-recorded presentations.

Please join us for all or a portion of this free, informative meeting!

Testing, Testing! National Specifications for Electronic Reporting

The national specification for electronic birth defect reporting has been included in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) Interoperability Standards Advisory (ISA) 2017 Reference Edition. ISA identifies, assesses and brings public awareness to interoperability standards and implementation specifications that can be used by the healthcare industry. The birth defects reporting specification was developed to streamline birth defect reporting from physicians and hospitals by generating reports from electronic health records, reducing paper-based submissions. For more information on how to implement electronic reporting, contact laura.rapple@altarum.org or visit HeathIT.gov.

Partner Corner

Congenital Zika Virus Syndrome Webinar Series from the AAP

A recent webinar from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) focuses on the new data from the CDC April 4, 2017 *Vital Signs*. Expert speakers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and AAP share the latest information and recommendations on how clinicians and public health professionals can promote Zika awareness and assist women and babies potentially infected during pregnancy in various settings. The webinar series archive can be found at www.aap.org/zika. Resources from the AAP for parents and prospective parents can be found at www.healthychildren.org/zikavirus.

ICBDSR 44th Annual Meeting

The International Congress of Birth Defects Surveillance and Research (ICBDSR) 44th Annual Meeting is coming to Texas! Save the date for November 13-15, 2017 in Austin, Texas. The deadline for abstract submission is **July 30, 2017**. Find more information [online](#).

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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.

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