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Around the Network

NBDPN Record Breaker

"Prevent infection for baby's protection" was the theme for [Birth Defects Prevention Month 2017](#). We reached over 8,000 social media users in January with our most shared message! Another first for NBDPN was the production of a short informational video, produced in collaboration with the Teratology Society, available [online](#) as part of the resource package.

World Birth Defects Day 2017



March 3rd is #WorldBDDay. Help the March of Dimes, CDC, the International Clearinghouse for Birth Defects Surveillance and Research, and many others who are spreading the word that birth defects affect 3-6% of infants worldwide. Consider signing up for the [Thunderclap](#), or sharing the video and social media resources, available [here](#).

World Down Syndrome Day 2017

March 21st is World Down Syndrome Day. More information is available from [Down Syndrome International](#).

Announcements and Updates

2017 Virtual Annual Meeting

The Network will again host a virtual meeting in fall 2017. Details coming soon!

Call for Manuscripts

The NBDPN seeks birth defects articles for publication in its themed annual report, for publication in the November 2017 issue of Birth Defects Research. The deadline for manuscript submission is **Friday, May 5, 2017**. More information is available [here](#). For consultation on topics under consideration, please contact Drs. Russ Kirby (813.396.2347, rkirby@health.usf.edu) or Marilyn Browne (518.402.7974, Marilyn.browne@health.ny.gov).

Partner's Corner

MOD PeriStats



The NBDPN 2016 Annual Report data will be added to the March of Dimes' PeriStats page on World Birth Defects Day (March 3rd). Visit the [March of Dimes website](#) to view birth defects data by state, maternal race/ethnicity, and maternal age.

NIOSH on Aircraft Disinfection

Some countries currently require disinfection of inbound flights in an effort to prevent the spread of insects, or insect-borne infections (such as Zika virus and malaria). Passengers, as well as flight crew and ground crew, may be exposed to the pesticides used to disinfect aircraft. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has posted information on disinfection practices, [exposure risks, and reduction](#).

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.

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