



For Your Information ~ March, April, and May 2006

At the State Board of Health (SBOH), we believe information is essential. For several years we have been making SBOH and health-related information available through the distribution of our Board meeting agendas with an attached segment simply called, "FYI". To make this information more accessible we have created this Web page. This page will be updated on a regular basis and should be considered the go-to source for current information on correspondence to and from the Board, a selection of health publications, and health-related conferences.

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Events and Conferences

May 2006

Date	Name and Location
May 5-6	23rd Annual Primary Care Update For information: www.ahec.spokane.wsu.edu Red Lion Hotel at the Park Spokane, Washington
May 8-10	National Health, Wellness, & Prevention Congress For information: www.nhwpc.com NHWPC/CDHCC Expo Hall San Francisco, California
May 10	Save Puget Sound: A Call to Action Town Hall Meeting For information: www.pugetsoundpartnership.org Everett Events Center - Ballroom 1 Everett, Washington
May 10-12	The Disease Management Colloquium

For information: www.DMConferences.com or 1-800-546-3750
Hyatt Regency Philadelphia at Penn's Landing
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- May 11 Save Puget Sound: A Call to Action Town Hall Meeting
For information: www.pugetsoundpartnership.org
Fort Worden State Park Commons
Port Townsend, Washington
- May 13 Fifth Annual Community Based Solutions for Environmental Health and Justice
Conference
For information: www.ccej.org or 206-720-0285
Seattle University Piggott Auditorium
Seattle, Washington
- May 15 Save Puget Sound: A Call to Action Town Hall Meeting
For information: www.pugetsoundpartnership.org
Seattle Aquarium 2nd Floor Conference Room
Seattle, Washington
- May 16 Save Puget Sound: A Call to Action Town Hall Meeting
For information: www.pugetsoundpartnership.org
The Pavilion at Sentry Park
Shelton, Washington
- May 17 Save Puget Sound: A Call to Action Town Hall Meeting
For information: www.pugetsoundpartnership.org
Bellingham Cruise Terminal
Bellingham, Washington
- May 18 Save Puget Sound: A Call to Action Town Hall Meeting
For information: www.pugetsoundpartnership.org
Tacoma's Landmark Convention Center Temple Theatre
Tacoma, Washington
- May 18 Healthy Aging Summit
For information: <http://www.chef.org/events/waha.php> or call 206-824-2907
Tukwila Community Center
Tukwila, Washington
- May 21-24 5th UCLA Conference on Public Health and Disasters
For information: <http://www.cphd.ucla.edu/>
Hilton Long Beach
Long Beach, California
- May 22-24 2006 National Farmworker Health Conference

For information: www.nachc.com
Westin Riverwalk
San Antonio, Texas

June 2006

Date	Name and Location
June 3	Fallen Note Dinner and Auction For information: 206-548-9290 Renaissance Hotel Seattle, Washington
June 7	Third Annual Northwest Conference on Information Technology and Patient Safety For information: http://www.regonline.com/eventinfo.asp?EventId=93732 or 206-682-2811 Hilton Seattle Airport & Conference Center SeaTac, Washington
June 12-14	Management Skills for Emerging Leaders in Environmental Health and Safety For information: contedu@hsph.harvard.edu Harvard School of Public Health Kresge Building Boston, Massachusetts
June 25-27	AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting 2006 For information: http://www.academyhealth.org/arm/abstracts Washington State Convention & Trade Center Seattle, Washington
June 25-28	National Environmental Health Association 70th Annual Educational Conference & Exhibition For information: www.neha.org San Antonio, Texas

July 2006

Date	Name and Location
July 14-15	Ethical Issues Related to Vaccination of Children For information: http://www.seattlechildrens.org/bioethics/ Bell Harbor International Conference Center Seattle, Washington
July 26-29	The National Association of Local Boards of Health's 14th Annual Conference For information: www.nalboh.org Sheraton Gunter Hotel San Antonio, Texas

October 2006

Date	Name and Location
Oct. 26-27	Blood Borne: A Silent Epidemic For information: amy.shaeffer@commonhealthcenter.org Hyatt Regency Chicago, Illinois

November 2006

Date	Name and Location
Nov. 4-8	Public Health and Human Rights: American Public Health Association's 134th Annual Meeting and Exposition For information: http://apha.org/meetings/ Boston Convention & Exhibition Center Boston, Massachusetts
Nov. 9-10	Improving Health Through Partnerships: 2006 Tribal Leader Health Summit For information: http://www.aihc-wa.org Little Creek Casino Resort Shelton, Washington

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Correspondence

Correspondence to the Board

- **Washington State Board of Health, Craig McLaughlin**
Source: Ms. Cheryl Nash
Letter and articles expressing concern about the impact of bisphosphonates on the mandible or maxilla.

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Local Boards of Health: Agendas and Meeting Minutes

- **Benton-Franklin District Board of Health Agenda**
April 27, 2006
 - Approval of Agenda -Constitution of the Board
 - Approval of Minutes
 - Posting of Food Services Inspection Reports on Web Site
 - Building Updates
 - Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Update

- Pandemic Flu Update
- Avian Flu Update
- Announcements
- Approval of Vouchers
- Date of Next Meeting

- **Grant County Health District Minutes**

January 11, 2006

- Approval of December 14 Minutes
- Citizen Comments - None
- Nomination of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2006
- Introductions
- Environmental Health Report
- Update on Initiative 901
- Other EH Issues
- Administrator/Personal Health Report: Personal Health Report; Assessment Indicators
- Health Officer's Report: Public Health Funding; Letter to State Representatives; Pandemic Flu; Strategic Planning
- Approval of Vouchers
- Executive Session

- **Grant County Health District Minutes**

February 8, 2006

- Approval of January 11 Minutes
- Citizen Comments - None
- Environmental Health Report: Exemption Request; Crest Resources; Solid Waste Complaint Update; Proposed Change to Food Ordinance; Non-Food Businesses
- Administrator/Personal Health Report: Bad Debt Receivables; 2005 Personal Health Report; Assessment Indicators; 2006 Revision
- Health Officer's Report: Outbreak; TB Update; Pandemic Flu
- Approval of Vouchers
- Other Business: 2005 State Board of Health Report
- Executive Session

- **Grant County Health District Minutes**

March 8, 2006

- Approval of February 8 Minutes
- Citizen Comments - None
- Environmental Health Report: LEPC Plaque; Initiative 901; Ordinances 2006-1 (Food Ordinance)--Motion Adopted, 2006-2 (Fee Schedule)--Motion Adopted; 2006-3 (Hearing Examiner)--Motion Adopted
- Personal Health/Administrator Report: 2006 Budget Revision; Credit Card Policy
- Health Officer's Report: Strategic Planning Indicators; Pandemic Flu Update; Health Officer Coverage; Resolution 2006-1
- Approval of Vouchers
- Other Business

- **Grant County Health District Agenda**

April 12, 2006

- Approval of March 8 Minutes
- Citizen Comments
- Environmental Health Report: Quarterly Report
- Personal Health/Administrator Report: Injury Prevention and Safe Kids Report; Quarterly Report; Ordinance 2006-4 2006 Budget Revision (Action Requested)
- Health Officer's Report
- Approval of Vouchers
- Other Business

- **Grays Harbor County Board of Health Minutes**

October 20, 2005

- Approval of July 21, 2005 Minutes
- Health Officer Report
- Public Health and Social Services Director Report
- Environmental Health Report
- Strategic Plan for Decreasing Obesity through Increasing Physical Activity, 2006-2009
- Emergency Response Plan
- Maternal Child Health (MCH) Assessment Report
- On-Site Program
- Proposed 2006 Board of Health Meeting Dates
- Public Comment

- **Jefferson County Board of Health Minutes**

January 26, 2006

- Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair
- Approval of Agenda
- Public Comments
- Old Business: Hood Canal Sanitary Survey Project
- New Business: Jefferson County 901 Implementation Program; Draft Jefferson County Clean Indoor Air Ordinance; Proposed Fee Schedule for Indoor Air Regulation Enforcement; Jefferson County Syringe Exchange Program Report 2000-2005; Legislative Session Update; Influenza Season Update; Activity Update/Agenda Planning

- **Jefferson County Board of Health Minutes**

February 16, 2006

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Public Comments
- Old Business: Hood Canal Project Update
- New Business: Jefferson County Clean Indoor Air Regulation; Public Hearing; Board Discussion
- Possible Action; Proposed Fee Schedule for Indoor Air Regulation; Public Hearing; Board

Discussion - Possible Action; Legislative Session Update; Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Planning; Agenda Item Added; Activity Update/Agenda Planning

- **Jefferson County Board of Health Minutes**

March 16, 2006

- Approval of Agenda

- Approval of Minutes

- Public Comments

- Old Business: Solid Waste/Junk Cars Public Meeting Report; Immunization Program Site Visit Report; Region 2 Public Health Newsletter - Winter 2006; Swamp Nurse; 2005 Community Health Performance Measures

- New Business: Tobacco - Next Steps; Methamphetamine Abuse - A Public Health Approach; Joint Board Assessment Project Proposal; Legislative Session Summary; Substance Abuse Advisory Board Reappointments; Activity Update/Agenda Planning

- **Jefferson County Board of Health Agenda**

April 20, 2006

- Approval of Agenda

- Approval of Minutes

- Public Comments

- Old Business: Letter to Law Enforcement Officials re: Jefferson County Board of Health Clean Indoor Air Ordinance; TB Editorial - Kitsap Sun; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jefferson County 2004-05 Project Summary

- New Business: 2004 Jefferson County Healthy Youth Survey; Nurse Family Partnership - Jefferson County Impacts; WIC Program 2005 Report; Environmental Health Updates - Onsite Program Permitting and Hood Canal Septic System Repair Loans; Health Officer Updates

- Activity Update: Regional Public Health Emergency Preparedness Exercise - May 18, 2006

- Agenda Planning

- **King County Board of Health Agenda**

March 17, 2006

- Announcement of Any Alternatives Serving in Place of Regular Members

- Approval of Minutes

- General Public Comments

- Chair's Report

- Board Member's Update

- Director's Report

- Administrator's Report

- Public Health Operational Master Plan (PN OMP) Update

- Board Work Plan for 2006

- Briefing: Health Disparities

- **Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health Agenda**

March 23, 2006

- Citizen Input
- Chair Report
- Health officer Report
- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Vouchers
- Action Items: Public Health Week Proclamation
- Reports: 2005 Year-end Budget Report; Cooper's Corner and Recognition of Partners
- Executive Session
- Health Officer Salary

- **Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health Agenda**

April 10, 2006

- Discussion Regarding Health District Building
- Executive Session
- Health Officer Salary

- **Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health Agenda**

April 27, 2006

- Citizen Input
- Chair Report
- Health officer Report
- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Vouchers
- Reports: A. 1st Quarter Budget Report B. Children with Special Health Care Needs Program
- Board Member Concerns
- Executive Session

- **Spokane Regional Health Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Minutes**

January 4, 2006

- Comments by the Public
- Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes
- Regular Agenda: Resolutions 2006-3816, 2006-3818 through 2006-3826
- Director of Health Report: Health Department Staff Celebration; Legislative Update; Agreement Providing for Creation and Operation of a Combined County-City Health Department; Strategic Planning; Pandemic Flu Update
- Comments by Board of Health Members
- Executive Session - None

- **Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Minutes**

February 1, 2006

- Comments by the Public - None
- Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes

- Regular Agenda: Resolutions 2006-3828 through 2006-3833
- Director of Health Report: Health Department Staff Celebration; Pandemic Flu Exercise April 4, 5, and 6; BOH Strategic Planning Study Session/Retreat Scheduled for February 16, 2006; Legislative Update; Pandemic Flu; Build Environment;
- Comments by Board of Health Members - None
- Executive Session - None

- **Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Minutes**

March 1, 2006

- Acknowledgement of the 2005 Service Awards
- Comments by the Public
- Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes; Resolutions No. 2006-3834 through 2006-3839
- Regular Agenda: Resolutions 2006-3840 through 2006-3843
- Director of Health Report: Strategic National Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Exercise; Pandemic Flu Update; 2005 Accomplishments
- Comments by Board of Health Members
- Executive Session

- **Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Agenda**

April 5, 2006

- Comments by the Public
- Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes; Resolutions No. 2006-3844 through 2006-3847
- Regular Agenda: Resolutions 2006-3848 through 2006-3849
- Director of Health Comments: Tahoma Resilience (Strategic National Stockpile) Exercise - April 4-6, 2006; Pandemic Flu Update; Public Health Week - April 3-9, 2006; Walkability Audit of Old Town Tacoma - April 7, 2006
- Comments by Board of Health Members
- Executive Session

- **Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Agenda**

May 3, 2006

- Comments by the Public
- Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes; Resolutions No. 2006-3850 through 2006-3852
- Regular Agenda: Resolutions 2006-3853 through 2006-3859
- Director of Health Comments: Presentation on Tahoma Resilience Exercise
- Comments by Board of Health Members
- Executive Session

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Publications - General Media

- **Americans less healthy than English**
May 3, 2006

Middle-aged to older U.S. residents have higher rates of diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, heart attack, stroke, lung disease and cancer than their English counterparts, according to an article in the May 3 issue of JAMA. The United States spends considerably more money on medical care per capita (\$5,274) than the United Kingdom (\$2,164). However, whether greater financial expenditures translate into better health for a country's citizens is uncertain. Strong links between socioeconomic position and health exist in both the U.S. and the U.K. Comparing social differences in illness across both countries can give insight into possible causal explanations for the relationship between socioeconomic status and health.

- **Bill Strikes at Low-Nutrition Foods in School**

The New York Times, April 6, 2006

The days when children consume two orders of French fries in the school cafeteria and call it lunch may be numbered. A bipartisan group in Congress plans to introduce legislation today that would prohibit the sale in school not only of French fries but also of other fatty or sugary foods, including soft drinks. Under the bill, an amendment to the National School Lunch Act, high nutritional standards would be required of all food sold on school premises. That means not just in cafeterias but in vending machines, school stores and snack bars as well, even at fund-raising events.

- **EPA May Weaken Rule on Water Quality**

Washington Post, April 1, 2006

The Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to allow higher levels of contaminants such as arsenic in the drinking water used by small rural communities, in response to complaints that they cannot afford to comply with recently imposed limits. The proposal would roll back a rule that went into effect earlier this year and make it permissible for water systems serving 10,000 or fewer residents to have three times the level of contaminants allowed under that regulation.

[Article](#)

- **A pinch of love--but no milk, eggs or peanuts**

The Seattle Times, March 19, 2006

For her youngest son's first birthday, Lori Sandler made a cake of shaved ice. "For his second birthday, I made a special cake and bought another cake from a bakery," she says. "Benjamin was the only one who ate his cake." At his third birthday, the other children tasted the "special cake" Sandler baked, but preferred the one her son, allergic to milk, eggs, peanuts and tree nuts, could not eat. [Article](#)

- **Percentage of Uninsured Americans Rising**

The Washington Post, April 26, 2006

The percentage of working-age Americans with moderate to middle incomes who lacked health insurance for at least part of the year rose to 41 percent in 2005, a dramatic increase from the 28 percent in 2001 without coverage, a study released on Wednesday found. Moreover, more than half of the uninsured adults said they were having problems paying their medical bills or had incurred debt to cover their expenses, according to a report by the Commonwealth Fund, a New York-based private, health care policy foundation. The study of 4,350 adults also found that people without insurance were more likely to forgo recommended health screenings such as mammograms than those with coverage, and were less likely to have a regular doctor than their insured counterparts.

- **Soda distributors to end most school sales**

The Associated Press, May 3, 2006

The nation's largest beverage distributors have agreed to halt nearly all sales of sodas to public schools — a step that will remove the sugary, caloric drinks from vending machines and cafeterias around the country...Under the agreement, the companies also have agreed to sell only water, unsweetened juice and low-fat milks to elementary and middle schools. Diet sodas would be sold only to high schools.

- **TB funding is critical (Editorial)**

The Olympian, March 24, 2006

Today is Stop TB Day — a day to focus the world's attention on tuberculosis and its threat to human health. Tuberculosis kills 2 million people annually. The tragedy is that for \$10 in medicine, each of those lives could be spared. Equally frightening is the fact that the deadly relationship between tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS continues to accelerate both diseases. Tuberculosis is a bacterial disease that can attack any part of the body. It usually affects the lungs, but it can have an effect on lymph nodes, kidneys, bones, joints and other parts of the body, according to Kim Field, tuberculosis program coordinator for the Washington state Department of Health. She said 256 cases of active TB reported were in Washington state last year, an increase of a dozen cases from 2004.

- **Vaccinating all schoolkids could prevent flu pandemic**

The Seattle Times, April 24, 2006

The key to stopping a flue pandemic may lie in schoolchildren. At school, kids are close together, they don't practice the best hygiene, and they help germs spread like pollen in spring. At home, they do the same with their families. Giving them the best available vaccine at the earliest sign of a major epidemic might fend off a deadly pandemic, say two of the nation's most prominent influenza researchers, newly arrived at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

Newsletters

- **Alliance: Improving Access to Health Care - Developing Health Communities**

Source: Western Washington Area Health Education Center, Winter 2006

-Congress Restores Funding to AHEC

-WWAHEC K-12 and Workforce Development

-New Resources: National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program; New Website on Standardized Nursing Terminologies; New Health Information Technology Office; Medicare Guide to Rural Health Services; Bioquest Academy Program

-Hot Trends on Campus: Majoring in Healthcare

-2006 Multicultural Alumni Awards

-Western Washington Rural Healthcare Collaborative Receives Grant

-Spokane's Union Gospel Mission: Healing the Whole Person

-Washington State Mentoring Partnership

-Quarterly Video Conferences

-Call for Proposals: RWJF Finding Answers: Disparities Research for Change

www.wahec.org

- **Elaborations**

Source: Washington State Department of Health, February 2006

- Botulism - Home Canning Illness or BT Threat
 - PHL Training Class Registration Forms
 - Good Laboratory Practices/Calendar of Events
- http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/fsl/lqa_newsletters.htm

- **Elaborations**

Source: Washington State Department of Health, March 2006

- Rabies: Shipping and Receiving Requirements
 - Advanced Blood Cell Morphology Course
 - AST Webcast/Calendar of Events
- http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/fsl/lqa_newsletters.htm

- **Environmental Health News**

Source: Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, Winter 2006

- Agricultural Injuries and Illnesses
 - Pnash's Role in Farm Safety
 - Orchard Injuries
 - Home Pesticide Exposures
 - Heat Stress
 - The Next Five Years
 - For Further Reading
 - Serving AG Community Needs: Health Care Providers; Farmworkers
 - Nora Town Hall
 - Engaging Middle School Students Through Environmental Health
 - Continuing Education and Events
 - Career Day
 - People and Places
- <http://depts.washington.edu/envhlth/info/publications.html>

- **Epi-log**

Source: Public Health Seattle & King County, March 2006

- Gypsy Moth Spraying in Seattle's Madison Valley
 - In Memoriam: E. Russell "Russ" Alexander, MD
- <http://www.metrokc.gov/health/epilog/Index.htm>

- **Foundation News**

Source: Delta Dental-Washington Dental Service Foundation, Winter 2006

- WDS Foundation Receives Prestigious Award
- Scholarships Awarded: Two area students honored
- Foundation grant launches dental hygiene program
- Extending our reach
- ABCD Starts up in Pierce County

- **HSC Change: A Growing Hole in the Safety Net: Physician Charity Care Declines**

Source: Health System Change, Tracking Report No. 13, March 2006

- Physician Charity Care Continues to Decline
- Physician Specialty

- Physician Practice Characteristics
- Physician Income
- Location of Charity Care
- Declines in Access to Medical Care
- Implications
- Notes
- Data Source

<http://www.hschange.com/CONTENT/826/826.pdf>

- **HSC Change: No Exodus: Physicians and Managed Care Networks**

Source: Health System Change, Tracking Report No. 14, May 2006

- Despite Physician Complaints, Most Still Contract with Managed Care Plans
- Many Factors Influence Decisions
- Who Doesn't Contract
- Market Variation
- Implications
- Notes
- Data Source

<http://www.hschange.com/CONTENT/838/838.pdf>

- **Outlook**

Source: Center on Human Development and Disability at the University of Washington Health Sciences Center, Spring 2006, Vol. 17, #1

- Preventing Infections, Protecting the Developing Brain
- Expanding Medical Care for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Pediatric Neurogenetics Team: Diagnosing Rare Disorders
- Thousands of Genes at a Time: Microarray Core Components Helps Design Microarray Experiments
- Faculty Members Appointed as New CHDD Research Affiliates

<http://depts.washington.edu/chdd/gist/outlook.html>

- **NewBrief**

Source: National Association of Local Boards of Health, First Quarter, 2006

- Education & Training Concept Paper
- Board of Directors & Staff
- Report from Washington
- SALBOH News: Georgia Public Health Association Holds 76th Annual Meeting and Honors J. Fred Agel
- NALBOH News: Burger Day: It Doesn't Come with Fries; FDA Food Safety and Defense Council; North Carolina Local Public Health Accreditation System; Duncan Honored by Barberton Community Foundation
- 2005 NALBOH Official Election Results
- Tobacco-Free USA: NALBOH Welcomes Lauren Dimitrov, Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Project Director; Annual Report on State Tobacco Control Spending in 2005; State Specific Prevalence of Cigarette Smoking and Quitting Among Adults in the United States, 2004; Landmark California EPA Report Confirms Dangers of Secondhand Smoke; R.J. Reynolds Stoops to New Low with Camel Ad Campaign; Kick Butts Day; What's Happening in Your Area?
- Environmental Health & Emergency Preparedness: Mold-What is the Public Health Problem?; Changes in Quarantine Rules Proposed; Public Health Preparedness Online Training Courses

Available; Land Use Planning for Public Health

-Nomination Form for 2006 NALBOH Board of Directors (Submission Deadline: Monday, May 15, 2006)

<http://www.nalboh.org/publications/newsbrief/newsbrief.htm>

- **WSMA Reports**

Source: Washington State Medical Association, February 2006

-Physicians Have the Power to Touch Every Health Care Issue in the Lives of Every Citizen

-"Yes, we respect physicians, but where are they?"

-Newsclips

-Getting to know you, getting to like you

-Physician's Insurance: Buy-Sell Agreements: How are they funded?

-Insurance Q & A: What's Up With Medicare Part B in 2006; Student loan consolidation, debt collection agency; AMA CPT CodeManger 2006 Software--Available at Significantly Reduced Price

-Risk Management: Lumbar Puncture Pain, Emergency Amputation, Missed Follow-up Visit, ADHD and Hypoglycemia

-Goodbooks List

-Ed Gray, MD to Receive AMA's Dr. Nathan Davis Award

-Qualis Health Seeks Nominees for Annual Awards of Excellence in Health Care Quality

-Classifieds

-Newsmakers

www.wsma.org

- **WSMA Reports**

Source: Washington State Medical Association, March 2006

-Physicians and Hospitals Push to Decrease Complications

-Newsclips: Leadership Development Conference in Chelan, May 19-20; Help for Low-Income Patients with Drug Dependency; Washington Poison Center Available 24/7; A Must-Attend Conference for Practice Managers, May 7-10

-As I See It: Saying: Saying I'm Sorry Just Got a Little Bit Easier

-Update from Physicians Insurance: Communication Challenges for Multiple Providers

-Risk Management: Managing Blood Glucose Level, Syncopal Event, Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis and Popliteal Artery Nick Problems

-Insurance Q & A: Consultants, Seminars: Practical Support for Physicians' Practices

-CME Calendar

-Classifieds

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Publications - Highlighted Journal Articles

- **Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control, 2006**

April 14, 2006, MMWR, Vol. 55, No. RR5

Rabies is a fatal viral zoonosis and a serious public health problem. The recommendations in this compendium serve as a basis for animal rabies prevention and control programs throughout the

United States and facilitate standardization of procedures among jurisdictions, thereby contributing to an effective national rabies-control program. This document is reviewed annually and revised as necessary. These recommendations do not supersede state and local laws or requirements. Principles of rabies prevention and control are detailed in Part I; Part II contains recommendations for parenteral vaccination procedures; all animal rabies vaccines licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and marketed in the United States are listed in Part III.

- **HIV Transmission Among Male Inmates in a State Prison System --- Georgia, 1992--2005**
April 21, 2006, MMWR, Vol. 55, No. 15
- **Invasive Pneumococcal Disease Among Infants Before and After Introduction of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine**
April 12, 2006, JAMA, Vol. 295, No. 14
- **Varicella Outbreak Among Primary School Students --- Beijing, China, 2004**
April 28, 2006, MMWR, Vol. 55
On June 9, 2004, a varicella outbreak was reported in a Beijing primary school affecting approximately 80% of children in one preschool classroom. An outbreak investigation was initiated to identify factors contributing to the high rate of transmission and to assess the effectiveness of control measures.

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Publications - Reports

- **Adolescent Health Needs Assessment**
Washington State Department of Health
The target audience for this report is professionals who work with adolescents. The report was developed to provide baseline state level data on issues affecting Washington's youth and to support the state planning efforts of the Washington State Partnership for Youth (WSPY). WSPY which was established in late 2003 and has statewide representation that includes organizations, groups, agencies, and individuals that serve adolescents, is developing a statewide adolescent health plan for Washington State. The goal of the WSPY plan is to impact resources and services that support teens becoming healthy and successful. The plan is expected to be completed in late 2006.
- **Children's Mental Health in Washington State: A Public Health Perspective Needs Assessment**
Washington State Department of Health
The audience for this report is any professional, parent, or stakeholder interested in children's mental health issues from a public health perspective. The data and key informant interviews were guided by the public health approach to mental health which includes risk/protective factors, diagnoses and behaviors, as well as outcomes of poor mental health. Included in the document is (are): the role of public health in mental health as defined by key informant; statewide mental health data; recommendations and strategies provided by key informants to improve the mental health of children in Washington State; concerns about mental health in Washington State as provided by key informants.

- **Division of Environmental Health: 2005 Annual Report**
Washington State Department of Health
 This report highlights: Environmental Health Performance Measures; The Goal of Environmental health is Prevention & Education; Achievements/Efforts in 2005; Office of Environmental Health and Safety; Office of Food Safety and Shellfish; Office of Environmental Health Assessments; Office of Drinking Water; Office of Radiation Protection; Looking Ahead-2006 Outlook; 2005-2007 Biennium Operating Budget Summary; Return on Investment; Authorizing Environment; Contacts
- **HIV/AIDS Epidemiology Report: 2nd Half 2005**
Public Health Seattle & King County and Washington state Infectious Disease and Reproductive Health Assessment Unit
 This report includes data through the end of December 2005.
- **Health Care Personnel Shortage Task Force Strategic Plan and Progress Report**
 The Progress Report includes highlights for 2005; an update on the current status of the shortages; Task Force outcome measures; challenges to progress; and priority recommendations for 2006.
- **Lessons Learned: A National Report**
 The report is a collaboratively prepared national report revealing the widespread human health, family, and community impacts of school facilities that are poorly designed, constructed, operated, or maintained. Coordinated by Healthy Schools Network, Inc. the report represents the cumulative work of extraordinarily persistent and talented individuals and energetic organizations dedicated to ensuring that all children and personnel have environmentally healthy schools, and if not, then access to preventive public health services.
- **The 2006 MCH Data and Services Report**
Washington State Department of Health
 Every two years, the indicators will be updated with the most current data available realizing that some of the measures will change due to data sources, relevancy of measure, and other factors. This assessment process provides a mechanism to monitor the community's health over time and identifies the health areas and populations where public health is doing well or areas needing work. These measures are specific areas that can be impacted by public health with our community partners.
- **Spokane Counts Executive Summary: An Updated Summary of Selected Public Health Indicators**
Spokane Regional Health District
 Every two years, the indicators will be updated with the most current data available realizing that some of the measures will change due to data sources, relevancy of measure, and other factors. This assessment process provides a mechanism to monitor the community's health over time and identifies the health areas and populations where public health is doing well or areas needing work. These measures are specific areas that can be impacted by public health with our community partners.
- **Washington WIC: 2005 Annual Report**
Washington State Department of Health

WIC at a glance; Access; Health Behaviors; Health Foods; Connections; WIC Counts: 2005 Highlights; Staying Focused on Breastfeeding.

- **Who's in Charge of Protecting Children's Health at School?**

Healthy Schools Network

The report clearly makes the case that no one is in charge of protecting children from harmful environmental exposures at school and recommends steps at the federal and in New York State to begin to address this hidden world.

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