



For Your Information – November 2007

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

October 2007

Date	Name and Location
Oct. 14-16	NASHP's 20th Annual State Health Policy Conference Marriott Denver City Center Denver, Colorado For information: http://www.nashp.org/_conferences.cfm?LID=CON
Oct. 24-27	2007 National Conference on Tobacco or Health Minneapolis, Minnesota For information: http://www.tobaccocontrolconference.org/2007/conference/index.cfm
Oct. 25	Update on Moisture Detection and Drying Seattle, Washington For information: Mike Smith at mike.s.smith@amec.com or (425) 820-4669

November 2007

Date	Name and Location
Nov. 1	2007 Health Policy Summit & Silver Anniversary Gala Honoring John K. Iglehart The Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center Washington D.C. For information: http://www.healthaffairs.org/summit.php
Nov. 3-7	Politics Policy & Public Health: APHA 2007 Annual Meeting Washington D.C. For information: http://www.apha.org/meetings/
Nov. 7	Medical Self-Advocacy and Health Disparities for Japanese Americans, Asian Americans, and People of Color Gilda's Club Seattle Seattle, Washington For information: http://www.gildasclubseattle.org/activities/CalendarWeek.php?dt=2007-11-07#E12236
Nov. 12	Working with the Media in High Stress and High Concern Situations: A Journalist and Risk Communicator's Perspective Sheraton National Hotel Arlington, Virginia For information: Contact Katie Smith at (703) 807-2758
Nov. 13-14	2007 Preparing for Pandemic Influenza Conference Sheraton National Hotel Arlington, Virginia For information: Contact Katie Smith at (703) 807-2758

December 2007

Date	Name and Location
Dec. 11	Washington Health Legislative Conference The Changing Face(s) of Health Care: New People, New Ideas SeaTac Hilton Conference Center SeaTac, Washington For information: www.depts.washington.edu/rchpol

March 2008

Date	Name and Location
Mar. 20-21	21st Northwest Regional Rural Health Conference Spokane, Washington For information: http://www.ahec.spokane.wsu.edu/

April 2008

Date	Name and Location
Apr. 4	Institute of Medicine's Future of Public Health 20 Years Later ~ NALBOH's 9th Annual Lecture in Public Health For information: http://www.nalboh.org/lecture/lecture.htm

September 2008

Date	Name and Location
Sep. 9-12	ASTHO-NACCHO 2008 Joint Conference Sacramento, CA For information: http://www.naccho.org/conferences/NACCHOannual06/documents/NA_Conf_Guide_Back_Page.pdf

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Correspondence

Correspondence from the Board

To: Linda Anderson

From: Dr. Diana T. Yu, Member, Washington State Board of Health, October 11, 2007
Response to Ms. Anderson's letter supporting adding pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) to the school and child care immunization requirement.

Correspondence to the Board

To: Treuman Katz, Chair, Washington State Board of Health
From: Jon Gould, MPA, Deputy Director, Children's Alliance, October 10, 2007
Letter supporting adding pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) to the school and child care immunization requirement.

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Public Health Leadership Positions Available

Assistant Secretary, Division of Community and Family Health

Washington State Department of Health
Closes: When Filled
For information: http://www.doh.wa.gov/job_ann/DOH516.doc

Department Director

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
Closes: November 26, 2007
For information: Marissa Prigg at 360-867-1410

Director, Public Health Systems Planning and Development

Washington State Department of Health

Closes: When Filled

For information: http://www.doh.wa.gov/job_ann/DOH516.doc

Environmental Health Specialist I/II

Chelan-Douglas Health District

Closes: When Filled

For information:

<http://www.cdhd.wa.gov/docs/EHS%20I-II%20Position%20Recruitment.pdf>

Public Health Nurse II - First Steps Program

Kittitas County Health Department

Closes: When Filled

For information:

<http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/hr/jobs.asp?jobID=348>

Senior Analyst - Operational Definition and Exploring Accreditation

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

Closes: When Filled

For information:

<http://www.naccho.org/careers/headquarters/HQ45.cfm>

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Publications - General Media

Calif. bans smoking in cars with kids

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, October 11, 2007

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- California motorists will risk fines of up to \$100 next year if they are caught smoking in cars with minors, making their state the third to protect children in vehicles from secondhand smoke. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Wednesday signed a bill that will make it an infraction to smoke in a vehicle if someone under age 18 is present. But the traffic stop would have to be made for another offense, such as speeding or an illegal turn, before the driver could be cited for smoking.

Chicago Report Outlines Recommendations for Reducing Breast Cancer Mortality Disparities

RWJF, October 18, 2007

The Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force on Wednesday released a report recommending changes to the city's "de facto segregated health care system" to reduce breast cancer mortality among African-American women, the Chicago Tribune reports. The task force, which includes more than 100 providers, convened in March after a Sinai Urban Health Institute study found that the breast cancer mortality rate for African-American women in Chicago was 68 percent higher than that for their Caucasian peers.

City's healthcare equality initiative gets \$4m boost

Boston Globe, October 3, 2007

Hundreds of times over the past seven years, city workers known as health ambassadors visited the homes of black women in Boston bearing cheese, crackers, and a rubber model of a breast, intended to

show women how they could inspect themselves for suspicious lumps. It was part of an unprecedented campaign by the Boston Public Health Commission to address what Mayor Thomas M. Menino declared as the city's most pressing health problem: persistent gaps in the medical status between racial and ethnic groups.

Deadly superbug is here — why isn't it tracked?

Seattle Times, October 18, 2007

Instead of going to her first birthday party, little Anna DeBord spent the weekend in the hospital with a superbug. Anna had methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, or MRSA, a pathogen that has learned to thrive even when treated with the most common antibiotics. At Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center, doctors gave Anna more-powerful antibiotics and performed surgery on her skin infection. But her battle with MRSA at Children's won't be tallied by public-health officials or show up on reports tracking infectious diseases.

Drug-resistant bacteria deadlier than thought, feds calculate

The Washington Post, October 17, 2007

WASHINGTON – A dangerous germ that has been spreading around the country causes more life-threatening infections than public health authorities had thought, federal health officials reported Tuesday. The microbe, a strain of a once innocuous staph bacterium that has become immune to first-line antibiotics, is responsible for more than 94,000 serious infections and nearly 19,000 deaths each year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention calculated.

Flu-Shot Supply to Hit Record: Health Officials Aim To Boost Low Rate Of Immunizations

Wall Street Journal, September 25, 2007

Health officials, anticipating a record vaccine supply for this year's flu season, are trying hard to make up for past missteps and boost low immunization rates by urging people to get flu shots -- even if they wait until after the holidays. "We must use December, January and beyond to protect more Americans against influenza," said Jeanne Santoli, deputy director of immunization services at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She spoke recently on a panel of health experts hosted by the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases.

Grant targets health disparities in W.Va.

The Associated Press, October 10, 2007

A five-year federal grant awarded to West Virginia targets health disparities among minority populations. The \$415,390 grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will be used to address risk factors that contribute to diabetes among black residents in McDowell, Mercer and Fayette counties. The state Department of Health and Human Resources says McDowell County has the highest number of diabetes-related deaths in West Virginia.

Hospitals Tailor Diabetes Education to Ethnic, Racial Minorities

RWJF, October 23, 2007

Providers are stepping up efforts to improve cultural competency, particularly to address the prevalence of diabetes among racial and ethnic minorities, the Wall Street Journal reports. The New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, for example, recently launched a campaign at its 11 facilities to tailor diabetes education and outreach based on patients' ethnic backgrounds.

Lawmaker says state should track superbug infections

Tri-City Herald, October 18, 2007

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) - State Representative Tom Campbell of Roy says he plans to introduce a bill

requiring hospitals and nursing homes to report cases of a "superbug" that resists most antibiotics. Hospitals are not currently required to report cases of the disease known as MRSA, even though a study in the Journal of the American medical Association estimates it kills more than 18,000 Americans a year - more than AIDS. Voluntary reporting in Pierce County show there were more than 4,000 cases last year, a fivefold increase in five years in the county, which includes Tacoma.

Move to ban trans fats

Cincinnati Enquirer, October 26, 2007

Ohio state Rep. Tyrone Yates, D-Evanston, plans to introduce legislation to ban trans fats in Ohio restaurants as a way to improve the state's health. Trans fats, typically found in snack foods and fried foods, are proven to increase levels of bad cholesterol and reduce levels of good cholesterol, and they contribute to heart disease, the No. 1 killer of Americans, according to the American Heart Association. Yates said his goal is to improve the health of Ohio and reduce obesity and heart disease. "Legislation ought to keep pace with scientific and health developments, and that's why the time is right," Yates said Thursday.

New York City Reintroduces Calorie Rule

New York Times, October 25, 2007

The Bloomberg administration, in its continuing fight against obesity, reintroduced a measure yesterday to force chain restaurants to display calorie information on their menus or menu boards, after a federal judge struck down a similar measure last month. The new regulation would apply to all restaurants operating in the city that have 15 or more outlets here or across the country. Many chains, including McDonald's, Burger King and Starbucks, already provide calorie information on their Web sites or on posters or tray liners.

Mesa students may start medical translation

East Valley Tribune, October 30, 2007

A Mesa school hopes to offer bilingual students a chance to use their cultural and language skills to help the community — and to obtain well-paying jobs. Health Science High School recently asked the Arizona Department of Education to help fund a new program that would train high school students to become interpreters at hospitals and medical offices. Officials at the school, which is a partnership between the Mesa Unified School District and the East Valley Institute of Technology, will find out this week whether or not they were awarded the \$80,000 grant. At a time when much of the state's focus is on Spanish-speakers learning English, this program would offer an innovative way to expand bilingual students' skills.

Parents use religion to avoid vaccines

The Seattle Times, October 17, 2007

BOSTON — Sabrina Rahim doesn't practice any particular faith, but she had no problem signing a letter declaring that because of her deeply held religious beliefs, her 4-year-old son should be exempt from the vaccinations required to enter preschool. She is among a small but growing number of parents around the country who are claiming religious exemptions to avoid vaccinating their children when the real reason may be skepticism of the shots or concern they can cause other illnesses. Some of these parents say they are being forced to lie because of the way the vaccination laws are written in their states.

Professor To Collaborate On Hispanic Infant Initiative

Medical News Today, October 5, 2007

A Valparaiso University nursing professor will collaborate with East Chicago-based HealthVisions Midwest in evaluating a new initiative to reduce the number of infants in Lake County's Hispanic

community who die or are born suffering from disease. HealthVisions has been awarded a five-year, \$2 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to reduce infant mortality and morbidity rates, which are higher within the Hispanic community than other groups of the population. Dr. Nola Schmidt, associate professor of nursing, helped HealthVisions prepare its grant application and will monitor and evaluate the initiative's progress over the next five years.

Program Helps Hospitals Improve Quality of Language Services

RWJF, September 27, 2007

Early findings show nine in 10 requests for interpreters filled within 15 minutes. A national program looking at the quality of language services offered in America's hospitals suggests there is a growing demand to communicate with patients who speak or understand little, if any, English. The program, Speaking Together: National Language Services Collaborative, is helping hospitals significantly improve the quality of the language services they provide.

Staph screening said may wipe out germ

Tacoma News Tribune, October 24, 2007

CHICAGO -- Testing all new hospital patients for a dangerous staph "superbug" could help wipe out a germ that likely kills more Americans than AIDS, consumer advocates say and early evidence suggests. Yet few U.S. hospitals do it, and many fight efforts to require it. Jeanine Thomas, who nearly died from the drug-resistant staph bug, says the reason is simple: "Doctors don't want to be told what to do."

Study to look at wellness across races

News-Record.com, October 13, 2007

GREENSBORO — When it comes to health, North Carolina needs a checkup. With the macaroni and cheese casseroles, fried pork chops and super sweet tea, North Carolinians are more likely to have cardiovascular disease and diabetes than a big part of the rest of the nation. "We are worse off in all the markers for all the diseases and their risk factors. We have much worse incidence of those diseases," said Debra Wallace, a UNCG nursing professor. And when it comes to minority and poor populations, the problems are even more acute.

Systematic Review of Current Disparities Research Interventions Identifies Successful Strategies for Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care

RWJF, October 11, 2007

Today, a team of researchers from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Finding Answers: Disparities Research for Change initiative will hold a webcast briefing on how health care organizations, providers and payers can reduce racial and ethnic health disparities in their own organizations. They also will launch a publicly available, interactive, online tool that allows users to search for interventions. The database can be found at www.solvingdisparities.org/fair_database. The recommendations and database are based on findings from a review of more than 200 interventions in the areas of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, depression, breast cancer, cultural leverage and pay-for-performance incentives. Articles outlining the findings and recommendations appear as a special supplement in the October 2007 edition of Medical Care Research and Review.

Texas Research Center Receives \$6.8 Million to Study Hispanic Health Disparities

RWJF, October 11, 2007

The National Institutes of Health's National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities has awarded \$6.8 million to support efforts to close health care gaps between Hispanic and Caucasian residents in Texas, the El Paso Times reports. The five-year grant will support initiatives at the Hispanic

Health Disparities Research Center, which is run jointly by the University of Texas-El Paso and the University of Texas Houston School of Public Health El Paso Regional Campus.

UAB, UA partner with two universities to study minority health issues

Birmingham Business Journal, October 8, 2007

The University of Alabama at Birmingham is partnering with three other Southern universities to create the Deep South Resource Center for Minority Aging Research using a \$2.7 million grant. The National Institute on Aging and the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities awarded the grant over five years to UAB, the University of Alabama, Tuskegee University and Morehouse School of Medicine to examine health disparities in older minority adults. The resource center will focus on health problems prevalent among older African-Americans and will give special attention to issues related to the elderly in rural areas. It will study preventative health strategies and socio-economic, discrimination and bioethical issues affecting both physical and mental health.

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Publications - Highlighted Journal Articles

Journals Reviewed

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

<http://www.ajpm-online.net/>

- Vol. 33, No. 5, November 2007
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American Journal of Public Health

<http://www.ajph.org/current.shtml>

- Vol. 97, No. 11, November 1, 2007
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Environmental Health Perspectives

Journal of the National Institute of Environmental Health

<http://www.ehponline.org/>

- Vol. 115, No. 11, November 2007
 - Vol. 115, No. 10, October 2007
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Health Affairs

<http://www.healthaffairs.org/>

- Vol. 26, No. 6, November/December 2007
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The Journal of the American Medical Association

<http://jama.ama-assn.org/>

- Vol. 298, No. 16, October 24/31, 2007
 - Vol. 298, No. 15, October 17, 2007
 - Vol. 298, No. 14, October 10, 2007
 - Vol. 298, No. 13, October 3, 2007
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The Journal of Environmental Health

National Environmental Health Association

<http://www.neha.org/JEH/>

- Vol. 70, No. 4, November 2007
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The Journal of Health Politics, Policy & Law

<http://jhpl.dukejournals.org/archive/>

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwr_wk.html

- Vol. 56, No. 43, November 2, 2007
 - Vol. 56, No. 42, October 26, 2007
 - Vol. 56, No. 41, October 19, 2007
 - Vol. 56, No. 40, October 12, 2007
 - Vol. 56, No. 39, October 5, 2007
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The New England Journal of Medicine

<http://content.nejm.org/current.shtml>

- Vol. 357, No. 18, November 1, 2007
 - Vol. 357, No. 17, October 25, 2007
 - Vol. 357, No. 16, October 18, 2007
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 - Vol. 357, No. 14, October 4, 2007
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Preventing Chronic Disease

CDC

<http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/>

Highlighted Journal Articles

Mental Health Care Lacking

JAMA, Vol. 298, No. 16, October 24/31, 2007

Mental disorders are among the most common and disabling illnesses worldwide, resulting in 37% of all healthy life-years lost through disease, according to the World Bank. Yet few individuals in either the developed or developing world are receiving mental health care, according to recently released data from the World Health Organization's World Mental Health Survey Initiative. A face-to-face survey of 84 848 adults from 17 countries across the economic spectrum found that few individuals received care for mental illness (Wang PS et al. *Lancet*. 2007;370[9590]:841-850). The number of individuals receiving any mental health services in the previous 12 months ranged from 2% (in Nigeria) to 18% (in the United States). Generally, individuals in the wealthiest countries and in countries that spent the most on health care were most likely to receive care.

Among those patients who did receive mental health services, few received minimally adequate care (defined as at least 8 visits to any clinician, or being in ongoing treatment, or receiving medication for at least 1 month with 4 or more visits to a medical professional over 12 months).

Mental Health In The Mainstream Of Health Care

Health Affairs, Vol. 26, No. 6, November/December 2007

Abstract: Mental health policy making has moved steadily into the mainstream of health policy. The phenomenon has expanded the resources available to people with mental disorders. It has also led to decisions that are based on inadequate understanding of mental illnesses and their treatment. Continued progress in the well-being of people with mental disorders requires expanded engagement of the mental health community with mainstream health policymakers.

Mental Health Services Then And Now

Health Affairs, Vol. 26, No. 6, November/December 2007

Abstract: Over the past twenty-five years, psychiatric services have shifted from hospital to community. Managed care reinforces this trend. Mental illness is better understood and less stigmatized, and services are more commonly used. But many in need do not receive care consistent with evidence-based standards, or at all. Challenges are greatest for people with serious and persistent mental illnesses who depend on generic health and welfare programs and integrated services. Evidence-based rehabilitative care is often unavailable. Failures in community care lead to arrest; jail diversion and treatment are required. Despite progress, implementing an effective, patient-centered care system remains a formidable challenge.

Neighborhood Walkability and the Walking

American Journal of Preventive Medicine, Vol. 33, No. 5, November 2007

Behavior of Australian Adults

Background: The physical attributes of residential neighborhoods, particularly the connectedness of streets and the proximity of destinations, can influence walking behaviors. To provide the evidence for public health advocacy on activity-friendly environments, large-scale studies in different countries are needed. Associations of neighborhood physical environments with adults' walking for transport and walking for recreation must be better understood.

Conclusions: Associations of neighborhood walkability attributes with walking for transport were confirmed in Australia. They accounted for a modest but statistically significant proportion of the total variation of the relevant walking behavior. The physical environment attributes that make up the walkability index are potentially important candidate factors for future environmental and policy initiatives designed to increase physical activity.

Notice to Readers: Revised Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to Vaccinate All Persons Aged 11-18 Years With Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine

JAMA. 2007;298:1509-1510.

MMWR. 2007;56:794-795

In January 2005, a quadrivalent meningococcal polysaccharide-protein conjugate vaccine (MCV4) (Menactra™, Sanofi Pasteur, Inc., Swiftwater, Pennsylvania) was licensed for use among persons aged 11-55 years. In May 2005, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended routine vaccination with 1 dose of MCV4 for persons aged 11-12 years, persons entering high school (i.e., at approximately age 15 years) if not previously vaccinated with MCV4, and other persons at increased risk for meningococcal disease, including college freshmen living in dormitories.¹

Background information regarding meningococcal disease and the vaccine, including a discussion of duration of protection and use of the vaccine for outbreak control, has been published previously.¹

Publications - Inside this Issue

Advances

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, October 2007

<http://www.rwjf.org/publications/newsletterlist.jsp>

- National Effort to Measure and Report on Quality and Cost-Effectiveness of Health Care Unveiled
 - RWJF Awards \$15.6-Million Grant to Apply the Archimedes Model to Critical Health Care Decisions
 - Reports from the Urban Institute Focus on SCHIP
 - Register for National Conference Addressing the Uninsured and the Underinsured
 - National Study to Track Career Change Among Newly Licensed Registered Nurses
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 - RWJF Announces 2007 Community Health Leaders
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 - RWJF President and CEO Risa Lavizzo-Mourey Testifies on H.R. 1108, the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act
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Elaborations

Department of Health, Vol. XII, No. 8, October 2007

http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/fsl/lqa_newsletters.htm

- Phlebotomy and the Elderly
 - LQA Changes
 - Packaging & Shipping of Infectious Substances Class
 - Gram Stain Training Class: A Practical Approach
 - Training Class Registration
 - 14th Annual Clinical Laboratory Conference
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Environmental Health News

Association of State and Territory Health Officials

<http://www.astho.org/newsletter/newsletters/3/archives.php?u=Jmk9Mw%3D%3D>

EpiLog

Public Health Seattle & King County, Vol. 47, No. 10, October 2007

<http://www.metrokc.gov/health/epilog/index.htm>

- Influenza: Surveillance, Recommendations, Vaccination, Treatment, and Prophylaxis
- Communicable Disease and Epidemiology contact information
- Reported Cases of Selected Diseases in Seattle and King County

EpiLog

Public Health Seattle & King County, Vol. 47, No. 9, September 2007

<http://www.metrokc.gov/health/epilog/index.htm>

- Enterohemorrhagic (Shiga toxin-producing) E. coli
 - West Nile Virus Monthly Update
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The Nation's Health

American Public Health Association, October 2007

<http://www.apha.org/publications/tnh/>

APHA News

- APHA's Governing Council to elect leaders, vote on new policies
- APHA blog to report on 135th Annual Meeting
- APHA's Benjamin named a top health care leader
- Learn how to work with media, advocate for health: APHA Annual Meeting sessions offer lessons from experts
- Laker to receive 2007 Roemer Award for creative health work
- Bhatt to be recognized with 2007 Drotman Award
- APHA Presidential Citation honors nutrition association
- Alexander posthumously named Eliot award winner
- Executive Director's Citation honors Hinman
- APHA Advocates

APHA Sections

- Members offer full slate of events at Annual Meeting: Many Sections, SPIGS tie sessions to Annual Meeting's theme
- Member groups elect new leaders: Terms begin after APHA Annual Meeting
- APHA student members to focus on disease prevention

General

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- Greater use of preventive strategies key to saving lives: Five services vital
- New federal rules highlight need to curb hospital-acquired illness

- Nutrition programs expected to receive major boost via farm bill
- Nurse foundation outlines ways to improve care for travelers
- Presidential Cancer Panel calls for more tobacco control
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- California community baby shower promotes breastfeeding
- Hurricane Katrina's aftermath still affecting housing, health

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 - FDA proposes new rule for sunscreen products
 - Consumers likely to order more calories at "healthy" restaurants
 - Study suggests link between exposure to Agent Orange and high blood pressure
 - Many HIV patients believe their doctors stigmatize them
 - Stanford researchers measure secondhand smoke in cars
 - Study finds few risks of birth defects from antidepressant use during pregnancy
 - In many U.S. cities, blacks more likely than whites to live in poor quality nursing homes
 - Expanding health insurance to uninsured could narrow access and quality gaps for people with coverage
 - Study confirms limited human-to-human spread of avian flu virus in Indonesia in 2006
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NewsBrief

National Association of Local Boards of Health

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

Public Health Preparedness

Association of State and Territory Health Officials

<http://www.astho.org/newsletter/newsletters/9/archives.php?u=Jmk9OQ%3D%3D>

State Health Notes

Forum for State Health Policy Leadership, Vol. 28, No. 502, October 29, 2007

- To license or not: states and midwifery
- State News: Health-care model offers promise for returning inmates, community; States respond to the rising rate of autism
- Highlights: Wooden baseball bats no safer than metal ones...Medically supervised IV injection sites...OH acts on sentencing disparities...Zagat Guide to Doctors
- Graphically Speaking: Workers in the personal care and service industry have the highest rates of depression of any industry, according to a new survey; Podcast: CDC Experts Discuss MRSA

State Health Notes

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- Minnesota catapults to the front of the pack of states that are pursuing health information exchange
 - Garden state sowing the seeds of project to provide services for those with Asperger's
 - Highlights: Fewer seniors using nursing homes...Children facing gaps in coverage...Work is bad for your health...Waiting for Medicare in Texas...Funds to state for HIV testing
 - Graphically speaking: A majority of HIV patients are now considered overweight or obese, mirroring trends in the population as a whole.
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Thrive!

Washington Health Foundation

<http://www.whf.org/News/ThriveMagazine.aspx>

WSMA Reports

Washington State Medical Association

Zoonotic Disease Newsletter

Washington State Department of Health, Vol. 1, No. 10, October 2007

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/Zoo/zdnewsletter.html>

- Cold weather has rodents scurrying indoors
- Stable flies are suspected in West Nile deaths of pelicans
- Troops battle sand flies and leishmaniasis in SW Asia
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