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PH/HA Reports / Announcements

From the Editor

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I hope everyone is having a productive fall! Here for your reading pleasure is the fall/winter issue of the PH/HA News!

From the Chair

Lisa Wallis, Chair of PH/HA Section, L-Wallis@neiu.edu

Greetings, everyone. In my new position as a Web Services Librarian, I am devoting the majority of my time to a complete library web site redesign, so I am extremely grateful for the work of PH/HA members who keep me in touch with the section happenings. Please don't hesitate to e-mail me if you have other PH/HA issues to discuss.

Here are some of the important projects section members are working on at the moment.

Section Program

Chair-elect Christine Marton has partnered with the Libraries in Curriculum SIG to plan "The Role of Health Sciences Librarians in Educating Health Care Practitioners about Web 2.0 Technologies and Their Uses for Professional Practice." Contributed papers are currently being reviewed and authors will be notified of acceptance in early January. Good luck to everyone who has contributed a paper.

Research Award

PH/HA will sponsor a research award again this year, to be presented at the Section Business Meeting at MLA '08. Members of the research awards committee will set the criteria for this year's applicants and notify PH/HA members once projects may be submitted. Please consider applying for the award if you have an interest in developing a research project in public health or health administration librarianship.



Cool Web Things Task Force

Eight section members have volunteered to serve on this task force, which has been formed to investigate Web 2.0 tools and their use in public health librarianship. MLA President Mark Funk has made MLA members' use of social software a priority during his term, and this group will serve as a resource for PH/HA members to get familiar with these technologies. Many thanks to Melissa Rethlefsen for heading this task force.

Membership Committee Report

Mellanye Lackey, PH/HA Membership Chair, mjlackey@unc.edu

As of Oct. 2007, the PH/HA section has 171 members. The section has gained 37 members since the beginning of 2007. Please welcome the latest members of the section:

Daniel J. Doody	Doody Enterprises, Inc.
Alanna Jenkins	Beamsville, Ontario
Karen Wagner	Centers of Disease Control
Jennifer Yeaple Mann	Massachusetts Department of Public Health
Jerry Parsons	Indianapolis, IN
Martha Preddie	Federal Medical Center
Katie Vizenor	University of Maryland
Megan Bresnahan	University of Michigan
Connie Barrowclough	Public Health Library, Ottawa, Ontario

New members receive a welcome letter in their email. The letter tells them about the section and invites them to join the PH/HA listserv. If you know of someone who would like to join us, send them to <http://www.mlanet.org/joinmla/mbrappf.html> . We'd love to have them.



Update from October Partners Meeting

Submitted by Kristine Alpi, AHIP

I enjoyed representing MLA and our section at the fall Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Workforce meeting on October 9, 2007 co-chaired by Jocelyn Rankin of CDC and Lisa Lang, the new Head of the National Information Center on Health Services Research and Health Care Technology. There are many exciting activities underway.

The Partners website statistics and search logs showed that visitors are very interested in jobs in public health and that the Healthy People 2010 Information Access search strategies continue to be popular. They linked to the PH/HA list of PH libraries and the NN/LM Member Directory in the Literature page and they now offer an RSS feed. Marie Ascher continues as part of the Website steering committee—contact her with ideas or comments or submit your suggested links online. Thanks to Christine Marton for making a more prominent link to the PH Partners website on the PH/HA home page.

We previewed draft Community Health Status Indicator profiles from the Public Health Foundation and various government partners. A public launch is expected in late December with an article in the January 2008 issue of Preventing Chronic Disease (<http://www.cdc.gov/PCD/>). The data will be downloadable and there will be a section of the site on how to use the reports. The Public Health Performance Management Resource Center (http://www.phf.org/infrastructure/phfpage.php?page_id=52&pp_id=52) which is already live was also demonstrated.

The planning for the NLM Disaster Information Management Research Center is underway and the regional medical libraries are working on disaster preparedness issues. Public Health Ready was mentioned - see <http://www.naccho.org/topics/emergency/pphr.cfm>

Stacey Arnesen reported on the Public Health Informatics meeting in Seattle. Presentations are available online at <https://phi2007.cphi.washington.edu/agenda/phi2007-agenda>

The National Agriculture Library (<http://www.nal.usda.gov/>) gave a presentation about their many public health resources in the area of nutrition and food safety. It is possible to search across



AGRICOLA and PubMed, among other federal government science databases and websites, by using the Advanced Search function of Science.gov.

For those of you who serve public health veterinarians, NLM in collaboration with the National Agricultural Library (NAL), the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), the United States Agricultural Information Network (USAIN) and the Veterinary Medical Libraries Section (VMLS) of the Medical Library Association are creating an information portal to improve information services for veterinarians. This portal will connect veterinarians to resources of NLM and NAL, free full-text articles, state and federal public health sites and other veterinary medical resources. Progress to date includes a new PubMed (<http://www.pubmed.gov>) "Special Query" search feature for veterinarians, with options to limit retrieval to veterinary titles and links to other resources, and development of a prototype veterinary information portal.

Last, the suggestion was made to have MLA respond to the new standards for voluntary accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board regarding health information access through librarians. I will work with MLA headquarters and other allied representatives to ensure that our standards expertise is offered and taken into account. Looking towards the future, I asked that Partners receive an update on NCBI's resources for public health genomics including the Framingham data on dbGaP and the Influenza Virus Resource among others. Let me know what other issues should be raised. Thank you.

News from the Medical Library Association

Update from the National Library of Medicine, Division of Specialized Information Services

Submitted by Colette Hochstein, Colette@nlm.nih.gov

Division of Specialized Information Services, NLM

The Division of Specialized Information Services (SIS, <http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/>) at the National Library of Medicine (NLM) creates information resources and services in toxicology, environmental health, chemistry, and HIV/AIDS. Another component of SIS, the Office of Outreach and Special Populations, seeks to improve access to quality and accurate health information by underserved and special populations. Many SIS products help to address the toxicology and environmental health information needs of the general public.



TOXMAP

TOXMAP (<http://toxmap.nlm.nih.gov>) is a Geographic Information System (GIS) from the Division of Specialized Information Services (<http://sis.nlm.nih.gov>) of the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM) (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>) that uses maps of the United States to help users visually explore data from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Toxics Release Inventory and Superfund Program.

A new version of TOXMAP (<http://toxmap.nlm.nih.gov>) was released August 7. This version includes:

More search options: Users can now search TOXMAP by Chemical Abstracts Service/Registry Number (CAS/RN), Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) facility name/ID, release medium, release year ranges, release amount, Superfund (NPL) site name/ID, and Hazard Ranking System (HRS) score.

Geographic regions: Users can create their own geographic region, or select a pre-defined region from a menu. Setting a geographic region limits search results to those inside the specified region. Regions can be saved for future access.

Regional TRI summary tables: Users can view summary (aggregate) TRI release amounts for their geographic region.

Updated and expanded glossary and FAQs.

New Look for Tox Town

<http://toxtown.nlm.nih.gov>

Tox Town now has a new look that includes a new home page, a new header and footer on each page, and a new layout for the text version pages and the Spanish version pages.

Toxie the Cat Can Now Speak Spanish/ Toxie the Cat Ahora Habla Español

Toxie, the ToxMystery (<http://toxymystery.nlm.nih.gov>) guide cat, has returned to school and can now speak Spanish. By selecting the "Español" or "English" tab on the upper right of the homepage, gamers can move between Spanish and English as they explore the site's "house of hazards." Come play with Toxie and see if you can find the hazards in English and en español!



ToxMystery

ToxMystery is an e-learning game that uses animation, sound effects and positive reinforcement to help 7-11 year olds learn about possible chemical hazards around the home. ToxMystery en español's "Para los padres" (For Parents) page gives parents more detailed information about potential household hazards. The "Para maestros" (Teachers) page has lesson plans and downloadable classroom activity pages in Spanish. ToxMystery can be used in science and health classes.

WISER 3.0 for Palm OS Now Available

WISER 3.0 for Palm OS can be downloaded at <http://wiser.nlm.nih.gov>

This release takes the first steps in catching up with recent improvements made for the Windows and Pocket PC platforms, and includes: radioisotope substance list (see the All vs. Chemical vs. Radiological option on the Known Substances list); protective distance substance data that now incorporates the ERG's initial isolation and protective distance ("green section") data; and "Help Identify" enhancements (in addition to properties and symptoms, users can also narrow the results list by substance categories and NFPA 704 placards).

WISER plans additional capabilities in future releases, including Windows Mobile Smartphone support, additional substance category support (including more categories), additional tools/reference materials for radiologicals and chemicals, and biological mode (biological substance list and related tools and reference materials).

Keeping the Artist Safe: Hazards of Arts and Crafts Materials

Artists, craftspeople, and hobbyists are often exposed to potentially hazardous substances. You can learn more about these hazards and how to safeguard against unnecessary exposures at "Keeping the Artist Safe: Hazards of Arts and Crafts Materials"

<http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/enviro/arthazards.html>



Other Links

NLM also offers other Enviro-Health Links (<http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/enviro/envirohealthlinks.html>) on topics such as:

Children's Environmental Health <http://phpartners.org/cehir/sampler.html>

Indoor Air Pollution <http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/enviro/indoorairpollution.html>

Outdoor Air Pollution <http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/enviro/outdoorairpollution.html>

Arsenic <http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/enviro/arsenicandhumanhealth.html>

Lead <http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/enviro/lead.html>

Haz-Map Adds New Chemicals/Agents

The following chemicals/agents have been added to Haz-Map (<http://hazmap.nlm.nih.gov/>). Radionuclides and radioactive compounds are included:

Allergens, baking industry	Flock
Allergens, flowers	Fuller's earth
Allergens, garden and greenhouse	Iodine, radioactive
Allergens, processing food from plants	Iridium
Allergens, processing plant extracts	Iridium-192
Allergens, processing food from animals	Kapok
Allergens, spice processing	Krypton-85
Anisakis simplex (nematode)	Larch
Basic blue 99	Mezlocillin
Bentonite	Mitoxantrone hydrochloride
Benzoic acid	Monascus ruber (food colorant)
Benzaldehyde	Nitrogen chloride
Carbon-14	Pentamidine isothionate
Carmine	Phenylmercuric acetate
Chlorendic anhydride	Phosphorus-32
Cisplatin	Potassium-40
Cobalt-60	Radium carbonate
Diacetyl	Radium nitrate
Ethoxylated bisphenol A diacrylate	Streptomycin
	Strontium-90



Tetramethrin	Vermiculite
Thorium carbonate	Weeping fig
Trona	Wollastonite
Uranyl acetate	Yttrium-90
Uranyl chloride	

Haz-Map is an occupational health database designed for health and safety professionals and for consumers seeking information about the health effects of exposure to chemicals and biologicals at work.

Resources and Announcements

New Guides Summarize Treatment Options for Narrowed Kidney Arteries

<http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm>

AHRQ's Effective Health Care program released a pair of plain-language guides that outline the latest scientific evidence on treatments for renal artery stenosis. Available in versions for both consumers and clinicians, the new guides help patients, their families, and health care providers make informed treatment decisions about a disease found in about 30 percent of patients with coronary artery disease. The [renal artery stenosis guides](#) are part of an ongoing series of translational guides.

New Evidence Report on Care Coordination Is Available

<http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/tp/caregapt.htm>

AHRQ has released a new evidence report, *Closing the Quality Gap: A Critical Analysis of Quality Improvement Strategies*, which shows how care coordination strategies which use family members, case managers, physicians, and other clinicians to coordinate health care for a patient, appear to improve patient outcomes. The report was prepared by AHRQ's Stanford University Evidence-based Practice Center.



AHRQ Resources Help Local Communities with Disaster Preparedness Involving Nursing Homes and Hospitals

<http://www.ahrq.gov/prep/nursinghomes/atlas.htm>

AHRQ has released the *Emergency Preparedness Atlas: U.S. Nursing Home and Hospital Facilities*, a guide that is intended to help local communities identify facilities that could be available and prepared to provide assistance under emergency conditions in their communities. The *Emergency Preparedness Atlas* includes six case studies in North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, southern California, Washington, and Utah. Each includes a series of maps depicting the locations and capacity of nursing homes and hospitals as well as their geographic relationship to a variety of emergency management and bioterrorism preparedness regions, such as HAZMAT response regions, emergency management regions, and Red Cross chapters. Select to access the [Atlas](#) and select to access the [report](#).

AHRQ Guide Summarizes Evidence for Off-Label Use of Atypical Antipsychotics

<http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/reports/topic.cfm?topic=8&sid=34&rType=9>

<http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/reports/topic.cfm?topic=8&sid=34&rType=10>

AHRQ's new plain-language guide for clinicians and policymakers outlines the latest scientific evidence on the off-label use of atypical antipsychotic drugs. The guide summarizes the strength of evidence of effectiveness for five drugs commonly used off-label—aripiprazole (sold as Abilify), olanzapine (Zyprexa), quetiapine (Seroquel), risperidone (Risperdal), and ziprasidone (Geodon)—and points out there is no strong evidence that these atypical antipsychotics work for any off-label uses. The atypical antipsychotics guide is the newest in a series of publications from AHRQ's Effective Health Care program. The program has already published guides comparing pain medications for osteoarthritis and treatment options for patients with renal artery stenosis. Future guides will summarize evidence on second-generation antidepressants and oral diabetes medications.

New AHRQ Guides Summarize Effectiveness, Side Effects of Antidepressants

<http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/reports/topic.cfm?topic=8&sid=39&rType=1>

<http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/reports/topic.cfm?topic=8&sid=39&rType=9>

AHRQ's new plain-language guides outline the latest scientific evidence on antidepressants, including how well the medicines work and their potential side effects. The guides—one written for clinicians, the other for patients—explain that about 6 in 10 adult patients get some relief from the



drugs. In addition, about 6 in 10 experience at least one side effect, ranging from nausea to sexual dysfunction. AHRQ's new guides summarize information on a dozen second-generation antidepressants: bupropion (sold as Wellbutrin), citalopram (Celexa), duloxetine (Cymbalta), escitalopram (Lexapro), fluoxetine (Prozac), fluvoxamine (formerly sold as Luvox), mirtazapine (Remeron), nefazodone (formerly Serzone), paroxetine (Paxil), sertraline (Zoloft), trazodone (formerly Desyrel), and venlafaxine (Effexor).

Updated AHRQ Evidence Report on Uterine Fibroids Management

<http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/tp/uteruptp.htm>

AHRQ released an updated evidence report that finds women who undergo uterine artery embolization, a newer, less-invasive treatment for uterine fibroids, have shorter recoveries and spend less time in the hospital than women who have hysterectomies. The report was prepared by AHRQ's RTI International-University of North Carolina Evidence-based Practice Center.

New AHRQ Evidence Report on Antiretroviral Drug Resistance in Developing Countries Available

<http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/tp/antiretpt.htm>

AHRQ released a new evidence report on the prevalence of antiretroviral drug resistance in the developing world that found the research to date too limited in quantity and quality to draw conclusions. Understanding the percentage of HIV-infected persons who have developed antiretroviral drug resistance and related causes and factors is important in determining how to improve the effectiveness of treatment guidelines and regimens. Due to the lack of research, the researchers recommend that future studies be conducted on the need for maternal single-dose nevirapine—used in antiretroviral therapy—when an infant is given the drug at birth and the mother is given zidovudine, as well as on the optimum time to begin postpartum antiretroviral drug resistance. The authors also recommend that future studies oversample rare HIV clades—organisms believed to originate from a single, common ancestor—to provide meaningful data, and that India prioritize research on resistance patterns among HIV prevalence, given that the disease is widespread there. The report was requested by NIH's Fogarty International Center and prepared by AHRQ's Southern California Evidence-based Practice Center.



New Review of Consumer-Oriented Strategies for Improving Health Benefit Design is Available

<http://www.ahrq.gov/downloads/pub/evidence/pdf/consumer/consorient.pdf>

AHRQ has released an exploratory review of consumer directed health plans (CDHPs), tiered provider networks, and efforts to collect and disseminate information about provider quality. The report was prepared by AHRQ's Stanford University-UCSF Evidence-based Practice Center.

New Guide Helps Consumers and Employers Understand Health Insurance

<http://www.ahrq.gov/consumer/insuranceqa/>

AHRQ and America's Health Insurance Plans released *Questions and Answers about Health Insurance*, a new guide designed to help consumers make important health insurance decisions. The guide explains different types of health insurance, including network-based plans, non-network based coverage, and consumer-directed health plans. It also provides a glossary of health insurance terms as well as additional resources to obtain more information.

Evidence of Benefit Lacking for Many Common Ways of Treating Osteoarthritis of the Knee

<http://www.ahrq.gov/downloads/pub/evidence/pdf/oaknee/oaknee.pdf>

AHRQ released a new evidence report that concludes that evidence of benefit is lacking for many common ways of treating osteoarthritis of the knee, including popular dietary supplement ingredients, a common surgical procedure, and injected preparations. The review, led by David J. Samson, M.S., associate director of AHRQ's Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association Evidence-based Practice Center in Chicago, found that glucosamine and chondroitin, over-the-counter dietary supplement ingredients that are used widely because of their purported benefits to relieve knee pain caused by osteoarthritis and improve physical functioning, appear to be no more effective than placebos. The report, which was requested and funded by CDC, failed to find convincing evidence of benefit from arthroscopic surgery to clean the knee joint with or without removal of debris and loose cartilage.

AHRQ's HCUP 2005 Nationwide Inpatient Sample Is Now Available

<http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/nisoverview.jsp>

AHRQ's Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) Nationwide Inpatient Sample (NIS) featuring 2005 data was released in July. This inpatient care database includes all patients,



regardless of payer—including people covered by Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, and the uninsured. The data can be weighted to produce national estimates, allowing researchers and policymakers to use the NIS to identify, track, and analyze national trends in health care utilization, access, charges, quality, and outcomes. As part of the HCUP database family, the NIS is considered by health services researchers to be one of the most reliable and affordable databases for studying important health care topics.

New AHRQ Guide Helps Clinicians Determine Necessary Preventive Medical Tests for Patients

<http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/pocketgd07/>

AHRQ's 2007 *Guide to Clinical Preventive Services* is now available to help clinicians determine which preventive medical tests are necessary for patients. Based on recommendations from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, the guide contains recommendations on 58 clinical preventive services made by the Task Force from 2001 to 2006. The annually updated pocket guide puts evidence-based, "gold standard" recommendations from the Task Force at the point of care, maximizing the preventive medical tests clinicians are able to provide patients. This important resource supports clinicians in keeping their patients healthy and improving the quality of the health care system.

New Online Statistical Report: *HCUP Facts and Figures*

http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/reports/factsandfigures/HAR_2005.pdf

AHRQ has just released a new statistical report entitled *HCUP Facts and Figures: Statistics on Hospital-Based Care in the United States, 2005*. Using the Nationwide Inpatient Sample (NIS) databases, this report presents information about hospital care in 2005, as well as trends in care from 1993 to 2005.

Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs 2007 Now Available

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

The Office on Smoking and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently released *Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs 2007*. This update provides states with new programmatic and funding recommendations based on the latest scientific literature to effectively plan and implement comprehensive, sustainable and accountable tobacco prevention and control programs.



Public Health Reports Archives to 1878 Now Available on PubMed Central

<http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/tocrender.fcgi?journal=347&action=archive>

This week, the archives of *Public Health Reports* (PHR), going back to the first issues in 1878, became available on PubMed Central.

New Statistical Tests Available from NCHS

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/otheract/aging/stu.htm>

The National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently released updated statistical tests on the Trends in Health and Aging web site.

New Academic Public Health Column Launched in Public Health Reports

http://www.publichealthreports.org/userfiles/122_6/19_PHR122-6_828-831.pdf

ASPH is pleased to present a new column in *Public Health Reports* (PHR) entitled "On Academics." Dean Patricia Wahl (University of Washington School of Public Health) wrote the inaugural column, "Public Health in the 21st Century: Topics and Trends", that appears in the November/December issue, Volume 122(6).

Free Evidence-Based Health Care Course Offered by Bloomberg SPH

<http://distance.jhsph.edu/trams/>

The U.S. Cochrane Center at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health has launched a new online course on evidence-based health care. While the free course, "Understanding Evidence-Based Health Care: A Foundation for Action," is open and available to anyone who wishes to enroll, it was expressly designed for consumer advocates in all areas of health care.

SOPHE E-Newsletter: Emergency Preparedness and Response Information for Health Educators

A new, electronic newsletter focusing on emergency preparedness and response is now available for health educators. Produced biweekly by the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE), *Emergency Preparedness and Response News U Can Use* highlights the latest information on both natural and man-made disasters. To receive the newsletter or learn more about SOPHE, please contact Ms. Tanya Maslak at tmaslak@sophe.org.



New Consensus-Based Family Planning Handbook is Released

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health's Center for Communication Programs' INFO Project, with support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), have recently published a new handbook called *Family Planning: A Global Handbook for Providers*. The handbook, a significant aide in the effort to support and promote safe family, brings together the best available scientific evidence on family planning methods and related topics into one easy-to-use publication. The book is a result of collaboration among 30 leading health organizations around the world. Further information and instructions for ordering can be found at www.fphandbook.org.

CDC Publishes "Advancing the Nation's Public Health: A Guide to Public Health Research Needs, 2006-2015"

<http://www.cdc.gov/od/science/PHResearch/cdcra/>

The CDC has recently published *Advancing the Nation's Health: A Guide to Public Health Research Needs, 2006-2015* (formerly known as the Health Protection Research Guide, 2006-2015 and referred to as the Research Guide). The Research Guide is a comprehensive public health research compendium developed by CDC scientists and external partners through extensive public engagement. The Research Guide will serve as a tool to identify critical research needed to achieve Health Protection Goals in four interrelated areas: healthy people across all stages of life; healthy places and communities; preparedness against infectious, occupational, environmental and terrorist threats; and improved global health."

Johns Hopkins Offers Online Global Tobacco Control Training

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

The Institute for Global Tobacco Control at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health recently launched a new online training program in global tobacco control. The course is part of the \$125 million Bloomberg Global Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use, launched by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg in January. The free training program, "Global Tobacco Control: Learning from the Experts," is available at www.globaltobaccocontrol.org. It is open to policy makers, researchers, educators and members of the general public that are interested in learning more about tobacco control.



Mass Dispensing: A Primer for Community Leaders Online Course

<http://www.ualbanycphp.org/learning/>

The University at Albany Center for Public Health Preparedness (CPHP) now offers an online course, "Mass Dispensing: A Primer for Community Leaders." The course provides an overview of mass dispensing, which is a method communities use to give medication or vaccinations to a large number of people in a short period of time. The course describes what mass dispensing involves and how this fits into the national and state response to public health emergencies. It also outlines the leadership roles for community leaders during mass dispensing.

New Checklists Help Men and Women Know Which Medical Tests Are Needed To Stay Healthy at Any Age

<http://www.ahrq.gov/ppip/healthymen.htm> AND <http://www.ahrq.gov/ppip/healthywom.htm>

AHRQ announced two new evidence-based checklists designed to help men and women understand which medical checkup tests they need to stay healthy at any age. The men's and women's versions of *Your Checklist for Health* show at a glance what the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends regarding screening tests, preventive medicine, and other healthy lifestyle behaviors. *Your Checklist for Health*, available in English and Spanish, is a pocket-size brochure designed to be taken with patients when they visit their health care providers to make it easier to talk about which screening tests they might need.

National Center for Health Statistics Releases Tracking Healthy People 2010

The National Center for Health Statistics announced the release of a revised version of "Tracking Healthy People 2010" which was originally published in November 2000 and is now available online at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/otheract/hpdata2010/thp.htm>.

Student-Edited Journal of PH Communication, Social Marketing Launched at GWU

Cases in Public Health Communication and Marketing, the groundbreaking new student-managed and edited journal of the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services' (GWU SPHHS) Department of Prevention and Community Health, made its online debut. The Journal is intended to advance practice-oriented learning in the fields of public health communication and social marketing. The Journal can be viewed at <http://www.casesjournal.org>.



New Tool for Rapid Assessment of Health Literacy Skills Now Available

<http://www.clearhealthcommunication.org/physicians-providers/newest-vital-sign.html>

The Newest Vital Sign (NVS), the first tool of its kind designed to assess a patient's health literacy skills quickly and simply, is now available at no charge to health care providers.

What is Public Health? Free Online Training Course

The Midwest Center for Life-Long-Learning in Public Health at the University of Minnesota now offers a free two-and-a-half hour online training titled "What is Public Health?" that will provide participants with an overview of public health. A certificate awarding contact hours of continuing education credit will be awarded upon completion. For more information and registration, visit <http://cpheo.sph.umn.edu/mclph/course/wiph.html>.

Reproductive Health Assessment Toolkit for Conflict-Affected Women Now Available

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released its Reproductive Health Assessment (RHA) Toolkit for Conflict-Affected Women. The Toolkit will be distributed as print copies and CD-ROMS in the coming weeks. Those interested in receiving a copy, should complete an order form, available [here](#).

Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids Releases New Web Site

The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids has released a new Web site called [What Are You Smoking](#) to raise awareness about the hazardous chemicals in cigarettes and the dangers of smoking. The new site, geared towards kids and young adults, provides information including deadly chemicals included in cigarettes, suggestions and avenues to take action against smoking, interactive games and many other resources.

UNC SPH Certificate in Field Epidemiology

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Public Health (UNC SPH) offers an online certificate in field epidemiology. The curriculum addresses the core functions of outbreak investigation, surveillance systems and methods, infectious disease epidemiology and field epidemiology methods. The 12-credit-hour program is delivered completely via the Internet. For more information about this program, visit <http://www.sph.unc.edu/nciph/fieldepi/>



Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Knowledge Path Released

The MCH Library released a new edition of Knowledge Path: Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention. This electronic guide presents a selection of current, high-quality resources that measure, document, and monitor the problem; identify risk and protective factors; and report on promising intervention strategies. The knowledge path is intended for use by health professionals, policymakers, researchers, and others who are interested in tracking information on this topic. Separate sections identify resources for families and schools. View the path online at http://www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp_adolpreg.html.

Knowledge paths on other maternal and child health topics are available at <http://mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/index.html>

September Meeting Announcement -- Creating a Global Partnership in Public Health Informatics

PHI2007: Creating a Global Partnership in Public Health Informatics will take place on September 17 – 18 at the Bell Harbor International Conference Center Seattle, Washington. The goal of this conference is to create a partnership of individuals, organizations and research centers to define and develop a vision for coherence and a framework for addressing strategic health information issues and requirements to drive successful global population health interventions. The conference's overarching themes are standards for interoperability; data collection and data sharing; and education and training. Invitees and speakers, drawn from a variety of global health settings, organizations, and institutions, discuss the opportunities and challenges and plot a course for the future.