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## PH/HA Reports / Announcements

### From the Editor

Linda M. Spitzer, Editor/Chair of Newsletter Committee, [lspitzer@lrcm.usuhs.mil](mailto:lspitzer@lrcm.usuhs.mil)

Hello everyone! Welcome to the summer issue of the PH/HA News. I hope everyone is having a relaxing and productive summer.

### From the Chair

Lisa Wallis, Chair of PH/HA Section, [L-Wallis@neiu.edu](mailto:L-Wallis@neiu.edu)

Let me start by thanking Marcus Banks for his leadership of the PH/HA Section during the past year. Not one to rest, Marcus is already busy as the new Chair for the International Cooperation Section. Good luck, Marcus!

Thanks to all of you, as well, who attended the Section's program at MLA '07. The program, "Filling the Void: Creating Access to All from Anywhere" was attended by 40-50 people. Christine Marton, Chair-Elect, is now at work planning the program for next year's annual meeting, to take place in Chicago May 16-21, 2008.

I'd like to take this opportunity to ask for volunteers for two task forces needed this year to address pressing Section issues. The first, a Guest Speaker Task Force, will be charged with making recommendations for reimbursing speakers who are invited by the Section to speak at the annual meeting. Discussion could include monetary limits and policies for section member approval.



The second group, a Section Council Rep Funding Task Force, will need to make recommendations for how PH/HA will support their important work. Section Council Reps attend meetings that may require substantial costs. How much should PH/HA reimburse these reps?

If you are interested in serving on either of these Task Forces, please contact me at [lwallis@neiu.edu](mailto:lwallis@neiu.edu). Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any additional comments or suggestions for the work of PH/HA in the coming year. I look forward to hearing from you.

## **Membership Committee Report**

Mellanye Lackey, PH/HA Membership Chair, [mjlackey@unc.edu](mailto:mjlackey@unc.edu)

As of 06/29/07, the PH/HA section has 160 individual members. The section has gained 30 members so far in 2007; 21 of them have joined since the spring newsletter.

Please welcome these colleagues who are new to the section:

Solomon Akpedafe	Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital, Belize
Diane Atkins	Health Care Excel, Inc.
Valori Ann Banfi	University of Connecticut
Carolyn Brown	Emory University School of Medicine
Mary Congleton	Southern Kentucky AHEC
Vicki Croft	Washington State University
Anne Harrington	Chester County Hospital
Carol Hartmann	Geneva, IL
Abby Holt	University of Arkansas for Medical Science
Teresa Jimenez	Hoffman Estates, IL
Kate Kohli	Bloomfield College



Jim LaRue	Meadville, PA
Andrea Lynch	Los Angeles, CA
Michelle Massero	University of Washington Tacoma
Trammell Maury	JBS International
Cindy Mitchell	Auburn University
Stacey Roquemore	American Heart Association
Eileen Rutkowski	NYS Department of Health
Erika Severson	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Manju Tanwar	University of South Carolina
Barbara Wright	Virginia Commonwealth University

Know anyone else interested in the Public Health / Health Administration Section?  
They can sign up at <http://www.mlanet.org/joinmla/mbrappf.html>

## News from the Medical Library Association

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

Colette Hochstein, [Colette@nlm.nih.gov](mailto:Colette@nlm.nih.gov)

Division of Specialized Information Services, NLM

The [Division of Specialized Information Services](http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/) (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.



## New Look for NLM's TOXNET Search Results Page

The “**Search All (TOXNET) Databases**” results page has a new look. References from the National Library of Medicine's TOXLINE (Toxicology Literature Online) and DART (Developmental and Reproductive Toxicology) are displayed first, followed by records from the other TOXNET resources (Chemical, Toxicological, and Environmental Health data).

For each resource, the database abbreviation, full name, and number of records found are displayed; click on any one to go to its results page.

TOXNET - Databases on toxicology, hazardous chemicals, environmental health, and toxic releases.

### Select Database

- [ChemIDplus](#)
- [HSDB](#)
- [TOXLINE](#)
- [CCRIS](#)
- [DART](#)
- [GENETOX](#)
- [IRIS](#)
- [ITER](#)
- [LactMed](#)
- [Multi-Database](#)
- [TRI](#)
- [Haz-Map](#)
- [Household Products](#)
- [TOXMAP](#)

### Search All Databases

(e.g. asthma air pollution, ibuprofen fever, vinyl chloride)

  

### Env. Health & Toxicology

Portal to environmental health and toxicology resources.

VISIT SITE

### References from Biomedical Literature

<b>TOXLINE</b>	Toxicology Literature Online	17636
<b>DART</b>	Developmental Toxicology Literature	664

  

### Support Pages

- ▶ [Help](#)
- ▶ [TOXNET FAQ](#)
- ▶ [TOXNET Update Status](#)
- ▶ [Fact Sheet](#)
- ▶ [Database Description](#)
- ▶ [Training Manuals](#)
- ▶ [News](#)

### Chemical, Toxicological, and Environmental Health Data

<b>ChemIDplus</b>	Chemical Identification/Dictionary	1
<b>HSDB</b>	Hazardous Substances Data Bank	413
<b>CCRIS</b>	Chemical Carcinogenesis Information	6
<b>GENETOX</b>	Genetic Toxicology Data	2
<b>IRIS</b>	Integrated Risk Information	11
<b>ITER</b>	International Toxicity Estimates for Risk	5
<b>LactMed</b>	Drugs and Lactation Database	0
<b>TRI</b>	Toxics Release Inventory	765
<b>TOXMAP</b>	Environmental Health e-Maps	Map It
<b>Haz-Map</b>	Occupational Exposure/Toxicology	Show me
<b>Household Products</b>	Health & Safety Information on Household Products	Show me



## **TOXNET's Toxics Release Inventory (TRI)**

The 2005 Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) (<http://www.epa.gov/tri/tridata/tri05/index.htm>) was released by the EPA on March 22, 2007 and on NLM's TOXNET (<http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/sis/htmlgen?TRI>) on March 23, 2007. TRI 2005 contains 89,325 records.

TRI (<http://www.epa.gov/tri/>) provides information on the releases of over 600 specific chemicals into the environment as reported annually by industrial facilities around the United States.

NLM's TOXNET (<http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/>) is a group of databases on hazardous chemicals, environmental health, and toxic releases.

## **Radiation Event Medical Management (REMM) (<http://remm.nlm.gov>) Released**

The Department of Health and Human Services has developed its first comprehensive web site to assist health care professionals, primarily physicians, who may have to provide medical care during a radiation mass casualty incident.

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2007pres/20070308.html>

Radiation Event Medical Management (REMM) (<http://remm.nlm.gov>) provides easy to follow algorithms for diagnosis and management of radiation contamination and exposure, guidance for the use of radiation countermeasures, and a variety of other features to facilitate medical responses.

Guidance on diagnosis and treatment will help health care providers by describing:

- types of radiation emergencies they may face
- initial medical actions at the incident site and or medical facility
- specific issues that apply to care in radiation mass casualty events.



Critical information is presented in a format that will quickly and efficiently orient and guide health care providers during a potential mass casualty radiation event. Federal, state and local medical response teams will be able to download REMM files to computers so that the documents are available without internet access. Users can also register for automatic e-mail updates whenever key material is changed or added to REMM.

Future plans include formatting REMM for use on Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) devices, additional multimedia graphics, and more topic areas such as follow-up patient care.

Subject matter experts from the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), the National Institutes of Health's National Cancer Institute (NCI), the National Library of Medicine (NLM), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) collaborated on the content for REMM. HHS teamed with NLM's Division of Specialized Information Services to develop the site.

#### **DIRLINE: A to Z list**

The National Library of Medicine's DIRLINE (Directory of Health Organizations) now offers an A to Z list of 8,500+ organizations concerned with health and biomedicine: [http://dirline.nlm.nih.gov/help/dirline/a2z\\_A.html](http://dirline.nlm.nih.gov/help/dirline/a2z_A.html)

DIRLINE can also be searched for specific topics:

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

#### **TOXMAP <http://toxmap.nlm.nih.gov>**

The National Library of Medicine (NLM)'s TOXMAP® (<http://toxmap.nlm.nih.gov>) now includes the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s [2005 Toxics Release Inventory data \(TRI\)](http://www.epa.gov/tri/tridata/tri05/index.htm) (<http://www.epa.gov/tri/tridata/tri05/index.htm>). The 2005 TRI was released by the EPA on March 22, 2007. TRI 2005 contains 89,325 records.



TOXMAP maps the TRI chemicals reported to the [EPA](http://www.epa.gov), as required by the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA).  
<http://www.epa.gov/region5/defs/html/epcra.htm>

A complete list of TRI chemicals required to be reported to the EPA can be found at  
<http://www.epa.gov/tri/chemical/index.htm>.

### **New Look for NLM's ChemIDplus**

ChemIDplus has a new banner which highlights useful links to information in both ChemIDplus Lite and Advanced, and that provides one-click access to the NLM homepage.

### **InChI and SMILES Structure Notations Now Available**

The structure notations InChI and SMILES have been added to ChemIDplus Lite and Advanced. InChI (International **C**hemical Identifier) (<http://www.iupac.org/inchi/>) was developed by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC). SMILES is the **S**imple **M**olecular **I**nput **L**ine **E**ntry **S**ystem.

This structure notation information now appears below the structure image on both ChemIDplus's Full Record and Structure pages (these pages are accessed via buttons on the left side of ChemID's search results pages). InChI and SMILES notation appear in over 270,000 records.

### **New Database Locators**

Several database locators have been added to ChemIDplus:

- [DailyMed](#) – Provides access to label and other information about approximately 2788 approved prescription drugs



- [DrugDigest](#) – Noncommercial, evidence-based, consumer health and drug information site
- [Drugs@FDA](#) – Provides official information about United States (US) Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved brand name and generic drugs
- [EPA HPVIS](#) – US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s High Production Volume Information System (HPVIS) provides access to select health and environmental effect information on chemicals that are manufactured in exceptionally large amounts
- [EPA PPIS](#) – The EPA's Pesticide Product Information System (PPIS) contains information concerning all pesticide products registered in the United States
- [LactMed](#) – NLM database of drugs and other chemicals to which breastfeeding mothers may be exposed
- [PubChem](#) – NLM resource providing information on the biological activities of small molecules
- [USA.gov](#) – Official information and services from the US government related to ChemIDplus searches
- [WebWISER](#) – NLM's Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders (WISER), designed to assist first responders in hazardous material incidents. Originally developed for the Palm PDA, WebWISER provides WISER information on the Web.

### **AIDSinfo Launches Comprehensive Spanish-language Web Site, *infoSIDA***

*infoSIDA* (<http://www.aidsinfo.nih.gov/infoSIDA>), a comprehensive Spanish-language companion to *AIDSinfo* was launched on April 18, 2007, featuring information about HIV treatment and clinical trials (<http://www.aidsinfo.nih.gov/infoSIDA>).

The *AIDSinfo* Web site, a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) project, offers the latest federally approved information on HIV/AIDS clinical research, treatment and prevention, and medical practice guidelines.

*infoSIDA* enables Spanish-speaking visitors to access many of the materials provided by *AIDSinfo* without having to navigate through the English site. *infoSIDA* features a customized home page and a search engine that locates Spanish-language resources within the site.



Resources available in Spanish on *infoSIDA* include:

- Consumer-based fact sheets about HIV treatment and clinical trials
- Fact sheets on approved and investigational anti-HIV medications
- Links to currently recruiting HIV clinical trials of new treatments and vaccines
- Links to other Web sites and publications about HIV treatment
- Interactive Web-based tools, including Live Help and the Glossary Translation Tool
- Specialty pages that highlight important topics and observances
- A Web-based publications ordering page.

Bilingual health information specialists are available by telephone (1-800-448-0440) to assist visitors in locating resources and navigating *infoSIDA* (<http://aidsinfo.nih.gov/infoSIDA>) and *AIDSinfo* (<http://aidsinfo.nih.gov>) Monday through Friday from 12 P.M. to 5 P.M., Eastern Standard Time (EST). Visitors can also communicate with *infoSIDA* and *AIDSinfo* staff by logging into Live Help through either Web site Monday through Friday between the hours of 12 P.M. and 4 P.M., EST. Inquiries can also be sent via email to [contactus@aidsinfo.nih.gov](mailto:contactus@aidsinfo.nih.gov).

*AIDSinfo* and *infoSIDA* are sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (National Library of Medicine (NLM), the Office of AIDS Research (OAR), and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This program is managed by the National Library of Medicine.

### **HSRR (Health Services and Sciences Research Resources) database**

The HSRR (Health Services and Sciences Research Resources) database can be used for public health systems research (PHSR), that is, research involving the organization, financing, and delivery of public health services and the impact of these activities on population health. The HSRR (Health Services and Sciences Research Resources) database ([http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nichsr/hsrr\\_search/](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nichsr/hsrr_search/)) offers searching and browsing of datasets and questionnaires that are useful for PHSR.



## Resources and Announcements

### **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](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 conferences overarching themes will be 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, will discuss the opportunities and challenges and plot a course for the future.

For further details about the conference, to register, and/or to submit an abstract proposal for poster presentation, go to: <https://phi2007.cphi.washington.edu/>  
Early registration is recommended due to limited space at the conference.