

CDC's Emerging Infections Program
CDC/USDA/FDA Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance Network
Steering Committee Conference Call Minutes

Date: Thursday, December 8, 2005 (2:00-3:00 ET)
Attendance: CA, CO, CT, GA, MD, MN, NM, NY, OR, TN, TX, CDC, FDA

A. Administrative

1. Status of manuscripts
 - a. The updated FoodNet manuscript list was included in the call materials.
 - b. The *Salmonella* Enteritidis case-control study manuscript (R. Marcus) has been submitted to Epidemiology and Infection.
 - c. The *Salmonella* Newport case-control study manuscript (J. Varma) has been submitted to the Archives of Internal Medicine.
2. Move to Clifton (mid-December)
 - a. CDC-FoodNet will be moving to Clifton road mid-December. The FoodNet team will have lapses in telephone and computer access between December 15th and December 21st.

B. Working Groups and Special Studies

1. Selected *Salmonella* serotypes Working Group
 - a. The questionnaire and protocol have been submitted to clearance.
2. *E. coli* O157/HUS Working Group
 - a. The Cohort study has been cleared by CDC IRB and is currently in the state IRB process.
3. *Campylobacter* Laboratory Survey Working Group
 - a. Preliminary tables were included in the call packet.
4. Outbreak Working Group
 - a. A subgroup is working on revising the supplemental forms.
 - b. The Contributing Factors subgroup is also meeting regularly.
5. Attributions Working Group
 - a. George Maldonado and Carrie Rigdon are progressing with their model.
 - b. Progress is being made with the FSIS contract to replicate the Danish model.
6. Population Survey Working Group
 - a. The Population Survey has been submitted to CDC IRB.

C. Proposals

1. FYI: MPH thesis project exploring salmonellosis trends among Asian/Pacific Islander children in the California FoodNet catchment area
 - a. There are increased trends of salmonellosis incidence among Asian/Pacific Islander children. The project proposes further analysis of these trends.
2. FYI: Pregnancy-Associated Listeriosis in FoodNet Sites, 1996-2003 (Olga Henao, et al.)
 - a. Abstract submitted to International Conference on Women and Infectious Diseases

D. Surveillance

1. Active data
 - a.
 - *Salmonella* Typhimurium, *Salmonella* Newport, *Salmonella* Javiana, *Shigella* sonnei, and *Shigella* flexneri decreased significantly.
 - a. NEDSS update
 - CDC-FoodNet is continuing to work with TN to integrate data from NEDSS into FoodNet surveillance. MD will be using NEDSS beginning January 1, 2006.
2. Linking data
 - a. Tables will be presented on next call.
3. Outbreak data
 - a. Tables were not included in the packet due to problems accessing the EFORS data; this issue will be resolved in the new year.
4. HUS data
 - a. 78 cases have been reported in 2005, and there were 6 deaths.
 - b. 45% of those tested for Shiga toxin by culture or serology were positive.

E. Upcoming FoodNet conference calls, meetings, and deadlines

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| 1. | Thursday | December 8 th | 12:00-1:00 | HUS/STEC Working Group |
| 2. | Monday | December 12 th | 4:00-5:00 | Contributing Factors Subgroup |
| 3. | Tuesday | December 13 th | 4:00-5:00 | Risky Foods Working Group |
| 4. | Thursday | December 15 th | 3:00-4:00 | Outbreak Working Group |
| 5. | Wednesday | December 21 st | 4:00-5:00 | Shigella Analytical Working Group |
| 6. | Thursday | December 22 nd | 1:00-2:00 | Antimicrobial Resistance Working Group |
| 7. | Thursday | December 22 nd | 2:00-3:00 | FoodNet Coordinator call |
| 8. | Tuesday | December 27 th | 2:00-3:00 | Interventions Working Group |
| 9. | Thursday | January 5 th | 11:00-12:00 | Attributions Working Group |
| 10. | Tuesday | January 10 th | 2:00-4:00 | FoodNet Update Meeting |
| 11. | Wednesday | January 11 th | 4:00-5:00 | Burden Working Group |
| 12. | Thursday | January 12 th | 12:00-1:00 | HUS/STEC Working Group |
| 13. | Thursday | January 12 th | 2:00-3:00 | FoodNet Steering Committee call |

F. Data Submission Deadlines

1. Surveillance data transmission Wednesday, December 14th
2. HUS data transmission Wednesday, January 4th