

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

Date: Thursday, October 13, 2005
Attendance: CA, CO, CT, GA, MD, MN, NM, NY, OR, TN, USDA-FSIS, FDA, CDC

A. Administrative

1. Personnel
 - a. Welcome Anurag Jain (Oct. 11th), Sridevi Wilmore (Nov. 1st)!
 - b. Farewell to Karla Thornton (NM PI)
2. Status of manuscripts
 - a. Surveillance
 - A. *Listeria* trends (Drew Voetsch, et al.)
 - A draft has been circulated to co-authors for review.
 - B. *Campylobacter* and drug-resistant *Campylobacter* trends (Elizabeth Ailes, et al.)
 - Manuscript in preparation. Will link FoodNet and NARMS data.
 - C. Post-diarrheal HUS in adults (Cindi Snider, et al.)
 - The manuscript is preparation.
 - D. Risk factors for developing HUS among persons with *E. coli* O157 (Alison Drake, et al.)
 - A draft should be sent out to co-authors by the end of the year.
 - b. Case-control studies
 - A. Submitted to journal (*E. coli* O157)
 - The manuscript has been submitted to a journal.
 - B. In clearance (*Salmonella* Newport, *Listeria*, *Salmonella* Enteritidis, Infant *Salmonella*)
 - The Salmonella Newport manuscript is at the final round of clearance with the division director.
 - The Listeria manuscript is also in the clearance process.
 - The Salmonella Enteritidis manuscript is in the final round of clearance.
 - The Infant Salmonella manuscript was submitted to clearance at the beginning of October.
 - C. In preparation (Infant *Campylobacter*)
 - The Infant Campylobacter manuscript is in the final stages of preparation, incorporating co-author comments.

B. Working Groups

1. Antimicrobial Resistance Working Group
 - A. MDR non-Typhi *Salmonella* Study
 - States that have received approval should send their approval letters to CDC.
2. Emerging *Salmonella* serotypes Working Group
 - The group is currently meeting biweekly.
 - A protocol has been drafted and is being revised.
 - The study design includes 3 serotypes: Javiana, Infantis, and I 4,[5],12:i:-.
3. *E. coli* O157/HUS Working Group
 - A. *E. coli* O157 Cohort Study
 - The study has been submitted to CDC IRB and is awaiting approval.
 - B. HUS serology testing
 - Revisions will be made to the protocol.
4. *Campylobacter* Regional Differences Working Group
 - A. Laboratory Survey
 - Surveys received at the CDC have been entered.
 - There was an 84% response rate.
 - B. Grocery Store Survey
 - The group is working with Jill Hollingsworth of the Food Marketing Institute to administer the survey to grocery store chains.
 - The group is also working to validate the shipping process for purchased chicken products.
 - Additionally, the USDA will be conducting a baseline Campylobacter survey.
5. Attributions Working Group
 - A. *Shigella* Case Report Form
 - A working group has been formed to complete the analysis on the case report form responses. If you would like to join the analytical team, contact Liane Ong.
 - Ruthanne Marcus will be submitting an ICEID abstract on the results.
 - B. Update on "blending project"
 - George Maldonado is working on a methods paper.
 - The group will reconvene to discuss the study design for the Emerging Serotypes study.
 - USDA has also contracted to take the Danish approach.
6. Burden Working Group
 - The group is working on revised estimates of the burden of foodborne illness.
 - An interdivisional group at the CDC has been meeting and is working on an abstract for ICEID.
 - An IDSA poster by the Viral/Gastro group presented new estimates for rotavirus.
 - Tim Jones' paper has been submitted to Epidemiology and Infection.
 - A paper on the health seeking behavior of persons with a diarrheal illness has been drafted.
 - The Validation Working Group is using the NAMCS data to validate the results in the Population Survey.
7. Population Survey Working Group
 - Final comments from the cognitive survey have been received. Clarifying definitions was suggested.
 - It was also suggested that links to websites of interest be included on the FoodNet website, which can act as the main reference point.

