

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

Date: Thursday, April 13, 2006 (2:00-3:00 pm ET)
Attendance: CA, CO, CT, GA, MD, MN, NM, NY, OR, TN, FDA, USDA, CDC

A. Administrative

1. Welcome Elisabeth Hagen as Director of the FSIS, OPHS, Human Health Sciences Division and Sarah Lathrop as New Mexico PI
2. Status of manuscripts
 - a. Risk Factors for Sporadic Infection Caused by *Salmonella* Enteritidis in the United States, 2002-2003 (R. Marcus) - accepted to Epidemiology and Infection
 - b. Highly Resistant *Salmonella* Newport – MDR AmpC (J. Varma) – accepted to JID
 - c. Risk Factors for Infant *Campylobacter* Infections (K. Fullerton) – submitted to JAMA
 - d. A Case Control Study of *Salmonella* Infection in Infants (T. Jones) – submitted to JAMA
 - e. *Listeria Monocytogenes* Infection from Food in the Regulatory Era (J. Varma) – submitted to Lancet
 - f. Analysis of Trends in Listeriosis in the FoodNet Sites, 1996-2003 (A. Voetsch) – CDC clearance
3. 2006 Working Group Updates – Summary included in call materials (p 6-9)

B. Working Groups and Special Studies

1. *E. coli* O157/HUS Working Group
 - a. *E. coli* O157 Cohort Study
 - b. Genetic Risk Factors Study
- Funding has been requested from the Office of Genomics at CDC.
2. Clinical Outcomes Study – All 10 sites have received IRB approval, and the database is undergoing Beta testing in two sites.
3. Selected *Salmonella* serotypes Study – study is out of CDC IRB
4. Cycle 5 Population Survey – The survey start date has been delayed one month to allow for final state IRB approval.
5. Outbreak Working Group – The group is working to modify the supplemental forms to include contributing factors.
6. *C. difficile* Working Group – New group has been convened and is planning a 3 month study.

C. Proposals

1. Facts and Figures Webpage
 - a. Additional pages on the FoodNet website with facts and figures, including state specific information was proposed.
 - b. A draft of the pages was included in the call materials for review. Comments can be sent to Ida Rosenblum.
 - c. The proposal was accepted.
2. PFGE pattern diversity and nalidixic acid resistance among *Salmonella* Enteritidis isolates, NARMS and PulseNet Linked Data, 2002-2005 (Kathryn Teates) - Accepted
3. Susceptibility Trends in *Campylobacter Coli*, FoodNet and NARMS Linked Data (Sri Wilmore) - Accepted
4. Trends in hospitalization data for selected foodborne pathogens: Data from FoodNet and National Hospital Discharge Survey (Ida Rosenblum) - Accepted
5. Seasonal Trends in the Incidence of Foodborne Illness (Olga Henao) - Accepted
6. Underlying Illness in Persons with *E. coli* O157, *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, and *Listeria* Infection in FoodNet Sites (Katie Fullerton) - Accepted
7. Initial Detection and Barriers to Investigation of Foodborne Outbreaks, 2001-2005 (Nadine Oosmanally) - Accepted
8. STEC O157 and non-O157 laboratory diagnosis in FoodNet (Linda Demma) - Accepted
9. HUS clinical spectrum and etiologies (Liane Ong) - Accepted
10. *Yersinia* infections in FoodNet Sites, 1996-2005 (Cherie Long) - Accepted
11. Acute gastrointestinal illness among high risk groups: FoodNet Population Survey 2000-2003 (Elaine Scallan) - Accepted
12. Description of animal exposure within the FoodNet population and a possible association with sporadic *Escherichia coli* infection (Nicole Steinmuller) - Accepted
13. Risk Assessment for *E. coli* O157 (FSIS, OPHS) – plan on using data publicly available for better estimates

D. Surveillance

1. Active data
 - a. NEDSS Update – TN data is included in the surveillance summary
 - b. 2004 FoodNet one page summary – included in call materials
 - c. 2005 FoodNet one page summary – included in call materials
2. Linking data
 - a. Update from annual meeting in Miami – Summary included in call materials.
3. Outbreak data – no updates
4. HUS data – 7 cases have been reported for 2006 with 4 cases in catchment. 2/7 (29%) tested positive for O157 by culture or serology; 0/7 tested positive for non-O157 by culture or serology.

E. Upcoming FoodNet conference calls, meetings, and deadlines

1. Friday	April 21 st	3:00-4:00	Trends Working Group
2. Tuesday	April 25 th	2:00-3:00	Interventions Working Group
3. Tuesday	April 25 th	4:00-5:00	Risky Foods Working Group
4. Thursday	April 27 th	2:00-3:00	FoodNet Coordinators
5. Thursday	May 04 th	11:00-12:00	Attributions Working Group
6. Thursday	May 04 th	3:00-4:00	Outbreak Working Group
7. Tuesday	May 09 th	2:00-4:30	FoodNet Update Meeting
8. Wednesday	May 10 th	4:00-5:00	Burden Working Group
9. Thursday	May 11 th	12:00-1:00	HUS/STEC Working Group
10. Thursday	May 11 th	2:00-3:00	FoodNet Steering Committee

F. Data Submission Deadlines

1. Surveillance data transmission Friday, April 21st
2. HUS data transmission Wednesday, May 3rd