

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

Date: Thursday, May 8th, 2008

Time: 2:00-3:00pm EST

Call-in information: phone number: 1-866-793-9108, pass code: 2074317

A. Administrative

1. Karen Edge will be leaving NM FoodNet at the end of the month.

B. New project idea: Physicians survey

C. Preliminary results: *E. coli* O157 Cohort study **(pg. 1)**

D. Proposals

1. *E. coli* O157 and non-O157 Shiga Toxin-producing *E. coli* (STEC) testing among Clinical laboratories; results from the 2007 FoodNet STEC Laboratory Survey (D. Hofer) **(pg. 3)**
2. Isolation and Characterization of *Clostridium difficile* Responsible for Community-Associated Disease (B. Limbago) **(pg. 4)**
3. Describe the clinical characteristics and severity of illness in HUS cases co-infected with *Clostridium difficile* (H. Gould) **(pg. 6)**
4. Serological Testing for Shiga Toxin-Producing *Escherichia coli* in Pediatric Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome in the Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance Network (FoodNet) Surveillance System – United States, 2000-2005 (M. Viray) **(pg. 7)**
5. Hemolytic uremic syndrome and death due to *Escherichia coli* O157:H7 infection in the FoodNet sites, 2000–2006 (L. Demma) **(pg. 8)**
6. Examination and comparison of trends in incidence of sporadic, travel and outbreak associated cases of infection with pathogens transmitted commonly through food, FoodNet 2007 (O. Henao) **(pg. 9)**

E. Upcoming FoodNet conference calls, meetings, and deadlines

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| 1. Thursday, May 15 th | STEC/HUS working group call | 12:00-1:00pm |
| 2. Thursday, May 22 nd | STEC Diagnostics working group call | 1:00-2:00pm |
| 3. Thursday, May 22 nd | FoodNet Coordinators call | 2:00-3:00pm |
| 4. Thursday, May 22 nd | Population Survey Analysis working group call | 3:00-4:00pm |
| 5. Friday, May 23 rd | FoodNet data transmission | |
| 6. Wednesday, May 28 th | HUS database transmission | |
| 7. Friday, May 30 th | <i>E. coli</i> cohort working group call | 12:00-1:00pm |
| 8. Thursday, June 5 th | STEC Diagnostics working group call | 1:00-2:00pm |