

CHRONIC DISEASE/MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH/ORAL HEALTH STEERING COMMITTEE

The Chronic Disease/Maternal & Child Health/Oral Health Steering Committee seeks to facilitate and support the efforts of chronic disease, maternal and child health, and oral health epidemiologists working in state, territorial, local, and tribal health agencies, and to provide a forum for collaboration.

This committee strives to facilitate communication and collaboration among peers and partner organizations; to strengthen the workforce for chronic disease, maternal and child health, and oral health applied epidemiology; to develop and disseminate products that strengthen and guide the practice of chronic disease, maternal and child health, and oral health epidemiology; and to advocate for resources and scientifically-based policies that strengthen our fields.

Recently, the Chronic Disease/Maternal & Child Health/Oral Health Steering Committee has been active in building chronic disease and maternal and child health epidemiology capacity in state health departments. In January 2009, an on-line rapid assessment tool to measure Chronic Disease epidemiology capacity in each state was developed and was implemented in May with the 2009 CSTE Epidemiology Capacity Assessment. The results from this assessment, available September 2010, will allow us to better depict trends in capacity measures and to provide recommendations through individual state profiles.

The Maternal and Child Health Subcommittee has also developed an on-line rapid assessment tool to measure Epidemiology Capacity. With the results from this assessment, the subcommittee will continue to advocate for the need to identify best practices for the field, the importance of advanced training for MCH epidemiology staff, the need for MCH staff to have ready access to a variety of databases including those that are linked, and the necessity of a visible MCH epidemiology presence. Results will be available September 2010.

Recent Oral Health epidemiology efforts at the state level have been focused on the integration of epidemiology within the oral health program goals. The subcommittee will develop a plan to promote epidemiology specific methods for the implementation of surveillance, special studies, and generation of epidemiologic information needed for policy and program development.

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SUBCOMMITTEES

- Cancer
- Cardiovascular disease
- Chronic disease epidemiology capacity building
- Chronic disease indicators
- Maternal and Child Health
- Surveillance and informatics

INTEREST AREAS

Arthritis	Obesity
Birth defects	Oral Health
BRFSS	Physical Activity
Diabetes	School Health
Genetics	Terrorism and disasters
Maternal and child	related to chronic
health indicators	disease
Nutrition	Tobacco

References

"State-level Chronic Disease Epidemiology Capacity" CSTE Position Statement: 07-CD-01

Essential Functions of Chronic Disease Epidemiology in State Health Departments, September 2004 available at www.cste.org.