

INJURY SUBCOMMITTEE

The CSTE Injury Surveillance & Control Subcommittee was established to link epidemiologists working on injury prevention and control activities across state, territorial, local, and tribal health agencies. CSTE believes the injury prevention and control activities of this field have a large impact and this subcommittee works to address identified surveillance gaps and other needs. Subcommittee projects and publications have arisen through collaborative activities with a host of partners, including the Safe States Alliance (formerly STIPDA), the American Public Health Association (APHA), the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), the Children's Safety Network (CSN), the Society for the Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR), the Public Health Data Standards Consortium (PHDSC), and CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

Injury Subcommittee members have experience in injury epidemiology and often partner with other public health agencies and academic centers to build surveillance capacity, conduct assessments, write reports and engage in activities related to injury prevention and control. One such example is the Workgroup for External Cause Coding Improvement (WECCI). This CSTE-led forum includes representatives from CDC, STIPDA, ASTHO, PHDSC, and APHA. As part of a comprehensive agenda to improve access to quality external cause codes (e-codes) for injury, document the extent of deficiencies in e-coding, and prevent federal pre-emption of e-coding mandates with implementation of ICD10, WECCI developed an assessment to identify current and future activities of state injury programs to get quality data from providers.

Subcommittee members are currently collaborating with the Safe States Alliance on the 7th Injury Surveillance Workgroup (ISW) Report. Previous reports have provided guidance and recommendations



on several topics such as injury surveillance, hospital discharge data, and fall prevention. This latest iteration will focus on poisonings, particularly drug poisonings, which has emerged as a significant public health concern in the past two decades.

In addition to this work, the Injury Subcommittee in conjunction with partners from ASTHO and the Safe States Alliance hosted a series of webinars on injury-related topics. These presentations are designed to showcase the application of surveillance data to influence program and policy decisions. Furthermore, a compilation of resources for injury epidemiologists to link to useful information specific to injury surveillance and epidemiology is now available on the CSTE website.

A half-day workshop at the 2012 Annual Conference will focus on the change from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM and how this change will impact public health. The workshop will focus on the major differences between these two code sets and will offer suggestions for assessing the impact on data analysis and trends, using examples from multiple areas of public health.

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR: Michael Bauer
STAFF LEAD: Annie Tran

VISIT WWW.CSTE.ORG

For more information about all of CSTE's activities and news.