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Medical Administrative Alert News

Since October 22, 2001, the Council has been making their Medical Administrative Alerts regarding bioterrorism available to Council members on their website. Regular Medical Administrative Alerts will come out based on the frequency and availability of new information.

Within the last month we have made some enhancements to the web site that will enable users to access disaster preparedness infor-

mation more conveniently. Visitors to the CCC/CCHN web site can now tap into most of the bioterrorism information by pressing the red hot-link button to the right of the main page screen. This hot link will take the user directly to helpful links on disaster preparedness and printable versions of all the Medical Administrative Alerts without a member login or password. The disaster preparedness template can only be accessed by mem-

bers with the appropriate login information.

Beginning this month, John McDonald and Lynne Farrell will be making on-site visits to CCHN clinics to work cooperatively with them on their disaster preparedness plans.

Please contact John McDonald at (619) .265-2100, x 310 or email (jmcDonald@ccc-sd.org) with any questions.

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The Quality Corner

In September, "Today in Health Business reported about a new Web site launched by the Rodwell Dart Memorial Foundation, in cooperation with the Depression and Related Affective Disorders Association (DRADA) and the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. This web site is an educational site dedicated to help teenagers and their parents and educators understand the signs and symptoms of teenage depression and provide resources for those ready to reach out and get the help they need.

Depressedteens.com centers around a key resource, Day for Night: Recognizing Teenage Depression, an award winning video that provides an in-depth look at how depression affects young people's lives. Through insightful testimonials given by real teens dealing with clinical depression and bipolar disorder, Day for Night offers education, support and hope to teens suffering from a debilitating, yet very treatable disease.

The idea for Day for Night came from Hailey Dart, a mother from Aspen, Colorado who lost her son Roddy, a sufferer of manic depression, on his 22nd birthday. After her son's death, Mrs. Dart began a personal crusade to educate the public, especially other teens, about depression and related mood disorders.

Quote of the Week

"Prompted in part by a sense of narrowing access to physicians, Americans are working to become more self-reliant, to take control of their health, and to gather information to prepare questions for their doctors. Consumers say access to technology will play a growing role in their health care purchasing decisions.

Deborah Sunday, in the October 2001 Group Practice Journal

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Quality Corner (Continued)

Mrs. Dart teamed up with the Depression & Related Affective Disorders Association (DRADA) and Vanderpool Films to create a video that would dispel many common myths about teen depression, while providing education, support and hope to teens who suffer from this debilitating, yet very treatable disease.

DRADA is a Baltimore-based nonprofit organization uniting the efforts of people with affective disorders, family members, mental health professionals and others. The mission of the organization is to alleviate the suffering arising from depression by assisting self-help groups, providing information and lending support to research programs.

Visit depressedteens.com for more information on educational programs and other resources available.

Oral Health Safety Net News



"Early Childhood Caries Prevention Programs" with Dr. Francisco Ramos-Gomez was a big success. If you were not there you missed an informative presentation given by a passionate speaker. Early Childhood Caries is a preventable, transmissible, chronic, infectious disease. There are a few color handouts on the Management of Patient with ECC" and Recommendations for Prevention of ECC". If you would like one, contact Betty

Pate at bpate@ccc-sd.org or (619) 265-2100 ext 315. Many thanks go to the San Diego Foundation for sponsoring the seminars. Continuing Education Credits were given in cooperation with the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) and Scripps Dental Education.

Through a grant with the San Diego Children and Families Commission, 14 Dental Health Educators are out in the community, spreading the word on Healthy Smiles for San Diego Children. Their mission is to reach at least 7,000 children under the age of five and their parents or caregivers. To aid in their quest Tuesday, December 11, from noon to 4PM, the second Dental

Health Educator training is scheduled in the large conference room at the Council of Community Clinics. Pizza will be served. The Dental Health Educators are making a difference in the community and lives of the patients they touch. Their focus is on the prevention of oral health disease.

The Oral Health Safety Net Advisory Committee and Prevention and Education subcommittee are actively reorganizing and preparing for the second quarterly report. The reports from the participating clinics are due December 18th. Early projections indicate that we will exceed our goals. We wish you all a caries free holiday season!



Holiday Reminder!

For those who participate in the County sponsored After Hours Access Program, it is absolutely necessary that you forward your holiday schedule and hours to the Scripps TAN and to Message Linx. These agencies use this information to staff appropriately and to serve us and our patients better. Please forward your holiday information to the following contacts:

Scripps TAN:
Rosemary Fleming
858-678-7862 PH
858-678-6607 FX

Message Linx
Kurt Duncan
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619-688-1740 FX

Happy Holidays!



New Organization to Promote Nationwide Environmental Health Tracking

Health-Track is a new project, supported by The Pew Charitable Trusts, working to build support for a comprehensive national approach to tracking and monitoring the links between the environment and health, with the ultimate goal of preventing chronic disease. This tracking and monitoring would monitor chronic illnesses community by community, identify potential hazards and exposure to these dangers, and provide an early warning to alert the public about the spread of disease.

Consider asthma, the most common chronic disease among chil-

dren. Researchers do not know the cause of asthma, but they have shown that several environmental risk factors, such as dust mites, cockroaches, environmental tobacco smoke and ozone, can trigger asthma attacks. Without more tracking information to examine potential links the causes of asthma and other chronic lung disease may never be known, and the most effective prevention strategies will not be implemented at the community level. The costs, in both human and financial terms, will continue to grow.

Health-Track is currently working to educate the public, media and policymakers to make them aware of the importance of nationwide environmental health tracking system. Health-Track is focusing its efforts in communities in 10 states throughout the country, including San Diego County and other communities in California.

For more information, please go to Health-Track's website at www.health-track.org or contact Elise Robbins at 760-753-7782.

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