



Substance Use & Injury Connection

The purpose of this newsletter is to share bimonthly updates on activities across CSTE programs, our members, and our partners focused on substance use and injury surveillance and epidemiology. Features include highlights of CSTE Subcommittee activities and member accomplishments related to substance use and injury topics. If you have suggestions for content or updates to include, please submit them to Mia Israel at misrael@cste.org.

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CSTE Updates



This section includes updates and opportunities relevant to substance use and injury epidemiology across CSTE programs.

2019 CSTE Annual Conference Website is now available!

Visit www.csteconference.org for up to date information regarding the 2019 Annual Conference in Raleigh, NC. Currently you will find a schedule of dates to remember. Please note that abstracts will be accepted until January 7, 2019.

Save the Dates: ICD-10-CM Workgroup Meetings January 15-17, 2019 in Atlanta, GA

Sponsored travel requests for these meetings are now being accepted. Travel requests must be submitted via [this online form](#) by Friday, November 9. See the form for specific information on meeting schedules. Please note that a travel sponsorship request does not guarantee receipt of funding. Official travel letters will be sent to the recipients of the travel sponsorships as soon as possible. More information on remote attendance and detailed meeting agendas will follow.

Get Involved



The following groups may be of interest to our CSTE Substance Use and Injury members with ongoing activities related to substance use and injury topics. To join one of the CSTE Subcommittees, make sure you are logged into your CSTE member account, click the link to the Subcommittee page, and click "Join Group" under the group name. To join one of the workgroups, contact CSTE staff to be added to the email list and receive meeting information.

CSTE Subcommittee Highlight

The CSTE Injury Epidemiology and Surveillance Subcommittee (formerly titled the Injury Surveillance and Control Subcommittee) celebrates two accomplishments this fall: onboarding a new co-chair, Ying Zhang (Southern Nevada Health District) and hosting its first subcommittee-wide call in many years.

Ying joins longstanding chair since 2012, Michael Bauer (New York) to assist with the influx of new injury projects at CSTE. She is a Senior Scientist at SNHD and has been a CSTE member since 2006.

The topic for the October 30 Injury Epidemiology and Surveillance Subcommittee kick-off call was applications of CDC's National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS). To start the call, Dr. Janet Blair, Team Lead, Mortality Surveillance Team, Surveillance Branch in the Division of Violence Prevention at the CDC presented an update on NVDRS, which has expanded funding to include all 50 states. CSTE members Ethan Jamison presented on behalf of Colorado's CoVDRS and their data dashboard, and Scott Proescholdbell and Dana Dandeneau presented on behalf of North Carolina regarding their special NCVDRS projects.

To request the call notes and slides, please contact Mia Israel at misrael@cste.org.

The following CSTE Subcommittees and Workgroups have ongoing projects and/or discussion topics related to substance use and injury:

- [Alcohol Epidemiology](#)
 - Call Schedule: 1st Thursday of the month at 1:00pm ET

- [Health Disparities](#)
 - Call Schedule: 4th Thursday of every other month at 2:00pm ET
- [Injury Epidemiology and Surveillance](#)
 - Call schedule pending
 - **ICD-10-CM Drug Poisoning Indicators Workgroup**
 - Call schedule: 1st Thursday of the month at 1:00pm ET
 - CSTE Contact: Mia Israel, misrael@cste.org
 - **Injury ICD-10-CM Transition Workgroup**
 - Call schedule: 1st Wednesday and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2:00pm ET
 - CSTE Contact: Mia Israel, misrael@cste.org
 - **Technical Assistance for Drug Overdose Surveillance Workgroup**
 - Calls scheduled as needed
 - CSTE Contact: Danielle Boyd, dboyd@cste.org
- [Marijuana](#)
 - Call Schedule: 4th Thursday of every other month at 1:00pm ET
- [Maternal and Child Health](#)
 - No call schedule
 - **Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) Workgroup**
 - Call schedule: 3rd Tuesday of every other month at 2:00 pm ET
 - CSTE Contact: Nikka Sorrells, nsorrells@cste.org
- **Mental Health**
 - Call Schedule: 1st Thursday of the month at 3:00 pm ET
- [Occupational Health Surveillance](#)
 - Calls scheduled as needed
 - **Healthy Aging Workgroup**
 - Calls scheduled as needed
 - CSTE Contact: Song Xue, sxue@cste.org
- [Overdose](#)
 - Call Schedule: 2nd Thursday of the month at 1:00pm ET
- [Prescription Drug Monitoring Program](#)
 - Call Schedule: 4th Thursday of every other month at 1:00pm ET
- [Substance Use & Mental Health](#)
 - Calls scheduled quarterly (*next call 11/13/18 at 2:00pm ET*)
- [Substance Use and Mental Health Indicators](#)
 - Call Schedule: 3rd Monday of the month at 1:00pm ET
- [Tribal Epidemiology](#)
 - Calls scheduled quarterly
 - **Tribal Suicide Workgroup**
 - Calls scheduled as needed
 - CSTE Contact: Jessica Arrazola, jarrazola@cste.org

Member Spotlight



This section highlights CSTE member projects and accomplishments in the areas of substance use and injury epidemiology, allowing readers to learn more about their colleagues in the field. Contact Mia Israel at misrael@cste.org with questions or to nominate yourself or others to be featured.



CSTE is proud to share that this year's recipient of the Safe States Alliance Rising Star Award is **Matthew Garnett (NY)**, one of our injury members. The Rising Star Award recognizes individuals who have been working in the injury field for less than five years. Matt has worked in the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Bureau of Occupational Health and Injury Prevention (BOHIP) as an epidemiologist for just over three years. He has demonstrated a strong commitment to injury and violence prevention, specifically the development and enhancement of the BOHIP's injury surveillance system. Matt has direct responsibility for the development of the NYS injury indicators reports and other special emphasis reports submitted annually to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), probabilistically linking of health data with police crash reports to create a Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System (CODES) database, develops surveillance reports, and conducts data presentations at national and regional conferences. Additionally, Matt has dedicated much of his time to the CSTE ICD-10-CM Transition Workgroup and is a leader in analyzing and presenting ICD-10-CM injury data. His work will have a great impact on how injuries and violence are defined for years to come. Congratulations Matt on this much deserved award!

Partner Announcements



This section includes announcements relevant to our substance use and injury members from CSTE partners. Contact Mia Israel at misrael@cste.org if you would like to submit an announcement.

National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) Now Hiring Two Epidemiologists

- A vacancy announcement has been posted for two vacant positions within the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Division of Vital Statistics (DVS), Hyattsville, MD. The position is for two Epidemiologists, GS-0601-13. The vacancy number is HHS-CDC-D2-19-10344263. The announcement opens 10/29/18 and closes 11/16/18. All interested and qualified individuals are encouraged to apply. The vacancy announcements can be found at: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/515259200>

2016 CDC NVDRS Restricted Access Database Now Available

- CDC has recently updated its Restricted Access Database (RAD) to include 2016 data from the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS). The NVDRS RAD consists of data from 32 states. To learn more about these data, eligibility requirements, and the application process, please visit the NVDRS [web page](#). Questions can be directed to nvdrs-rad@cdc.gov.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, November 27, 2018

- The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. This event encourages Americans to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths by providing an opportunity for safe disposal of old medications. Find a location and learn more [here](#).

Upcoming ISDS Webinar: “Surveillance in Action: Producing and Disseminating County-Level Data for Firearm Injury Prevention”

- The data and program leads from Public Health - Seattle & King County's firearm data team will discuss how their local health department produces and analyzes some of the best available firearm injury prevention data in the country, including information from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS) firearm module. They will describe how the data have been used in community, policy, and health care settings and discuss relevant lessons learned. Join the webinar on Thursday, November 8, 1:00-2:30 pm EST. [Registration is required.](#)
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Resources



1. "The Effect of Incomplete Death Certificates on Estimates of Unintentional Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths in the United States, 1999-2015" available online at *Public Health Reports*: <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0033354918774330>
2. "Development of Indicators for Public Health Surveillance of Substance Use and Mental Health" available online at *Public Health Reports*: <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0033354918784913>
3. "ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting FY 2019 (October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019)" available online from CDC and NCHS: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd/data/10cmguidelines-FY2019-final.pdf>
4. "Fact Sheet: Overdose Reporting Requirements" available from The Network for Public Health Law: https://www.networkforphl.org/resources_collection/2017/12/06/896/fact_sheet_overdose_reporting_requirements?blm_aid=263195
5. "Proposed Framework for Presenting Injury Data Using the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD–10–CM) Diagnosis Codes" available online from NCHS: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26828779>
6. "The Transition from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM: Guidance for Analysis and Reporting of Injuries by Mechanism and Intent (ISW9), 2016" available online from Safe States Alliance: <https://www.safestates.org/general/custom.asp?page=ISWReports>

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