Welcome to NAQC Connections ... Keeping members and partners connected to timely and upcoming events in the quitline community.

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News & Updates

Connect with NAQC Members!
NAQC’s Listserv offers an opportunity for NAQC members to connect with one another. Through the Listserv, you can ask questions, post comments and share resources. To post a question or comment to the NAQC Listserv, email NAQC_listserv@naquitline.org. You must be a member of the Listserv to post a question or comment. If you are not on the Listserv and wish to participate, please email bbryan@naquitline.org to join.

Deadline Extended to Oct. 15 to Renew NAQC Membership
Earlier this month, NAQC sent an Information e-Bulletin sharing that the deadline to renew your membership with NAQC has been extended. Originally, the deadline for current NAQC members to renew NAQC membership and become a “Charter” NAQC member was September 15. However, based on feedback we have heard from many organizations for the need for additional approval time, we are extending the deadline for membership renewal and “Charter” member status for current NAQC members to October 15. Please see the NAQC Information e-Bulletin mentioned above for full details or visit the NAQC membership Web page to learn more or to renew your membership.

Register for the October Conference Call – Annual Survey of Quitlines
Don’t forget to register for NAQC Annual Survey of Quitlines Conference Calls on October 8 (3:30 to 5:00 EDT) or October 10 (12:30 to 2:00 EDT). (Note: You only need to register for one call. The same content will be presented on both call).

These calls are important for those who are interested in learning more about the 2008 survey and for anyone who will be providing data or information for a state or province. During the call, participants will receive background information and training to assist with the process of completing the survey using the new ONLINE system. The survey will be open from October 8 through October 31.

NAQC members can register for one of the calls using the following link: http://www.naquitline.org/index.asp?dbsection=memberservices&dbid=5

If you are not a NAQC member, please register for one of these calls by sending an email to annualsurvey@naquitline.org indicating for which day you are registering.

With questions about the survey or these conference calls, please email annualsurvey@naquitline.org.
**NAQC Quality Initiative – October Conference Calls on Framework Paper**

We Need Your Input

Join us on October 22 from 3:30 – 5PM ET and October 24 from 12:30 – 2PM ET for a brief introduction of the framework paper by the author and a facilitated discussion of the paper’s strengths and weaknesses. *Your thoughts on this paper really matter*, so please mark your calendars and plan to join one of the calls.

Register now for either call by visiting the [NAQC Web site](#). Once there, you will need to login as a member and click the “View Calendar” button at the top of the page. Then, please select the appropriate call date and register. Call materials will be sent to you prior to the call and posted to the calendar date.

To learn more about NAQC’s Quality Initiative, please view the September Quality Update.

**CDC Announces New Chief of Epidemiology Branch, OSH**

Ralph Caraballo, Ph.D. has been appointed the permanent Chief of the Epidemiology Branch in the Office on Smoking and Health. Dr. Caraballo has served in this position since early spring of 2008. He joined CDC and OSH in 1995 as an Epidemiologic Intelligence Service Officer (EISO). Dr. Caraballo achieved his B.S. from the University of Puerto Rico, his MPH from the University of Puerto Rico in 1982 and his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1994.

**Bloomberg Speaks Up About Smoking and New York’s Declining Tobacco Use Rates**

In a recent *Newsweek* article, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg discussed the impact of New York City’s tobacco control policies on the city’s declining smoking rates among adults and teens, after 10 years of seeing no decline. The article also features MPOWER, the global effort to reduce tobacco use partnership between Bloomberg, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the World Health Organization. [Read full text.](#)

**Washington State Adult Smoking Drops Slightly, Hits New Low**

A new state survey shows the adult smoking rate in Washington is continuing to go down, yet the decline is slowing. When the Department of Health began its comprehensive Tobacco Prevention and Control Program in 2000, the adult smoking rate was 22.4 percent. The most recent survey shows the smoking rate has decreased slightly from 17 percent in 2006 to a new low of 16.5 percent in 2007. At the same time, rates remain higher among people with low income and low education.

Washington’s 25 percent drop in adult smoking since 2000 translates to 240,000 fewer people smoking and an estimated savings of $2.1 billion in future healthcare costs. The state remains well below the national smoking rate of 19.8 percent.

**Research**

**Characteristics of Smokers Accessing the Puerto Rico Quitline**


**Correlates of Transitions in Stage of Change for Quitting Among Adolescent Smokers**


**Psychological Mediators of Bupropion Sustained-release Treatment for Smoking Cessation**


**Do Graphic Health Warning Labels Have an Impact on Adolescents’ Smoking-related Beliefs and Behaviours?**


**Smoking Among HIV Positive New Yorkers: Prevalence, Frequency, and Opportunities for Cessation**


**Smoking Patterns and Use of Cessation Interventions**

**Smoking Cessation Services for Young People**
Grimshaw, G. M., Stanton, A.

**The Effectiveness of Covering Smoking Cessation Services for Medicare Beneficiaries**
*Health Services Research.* September 8, 2008, [Epub ahead of print].

**Physician Smoking Status, Attitudes Toward Smoking, and Cessation Advice to Patients: An International Survey**
Pipe, A., Sorensen, M., Reid, R.

**Constituents in Tobacco and Smoke Emissions From Canadian Cigarettes**
Hammond, D., O’Connor, R. J.

**Sociodemographic Differences in Triggers to Quit Smoking: Findings From a National Survey**
Vangeli, E., West, R.
*Tobacco Control.* September 10, 2008, [Epub ahead of print].

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**Resources & Information**

**Health Canada Releases Guide for Keeping Kids Smokefree**

**ACS Expands Behavioral Research Center with New Positions**
American Cancer Society (ACS) seeks to fill two new positions in its Behavioral Research Center—Director of Health Communication and Director, Health Behaviors. Interested candidates can view the full position descriptions below.
- **Director of Health Communication**
- **Director, Health Behaviors**

**Quitline Hours of Operation Now Available on NAQC Web Site**
To better understand when quitline services are available in each of the states and provinces, NAQC compiled *Quitline Hours of Operation,* which is now available on the [NAQC Web site](http://www.naquitline.org). This resource lists all quitline hours in one, easy document. Hours are presented several different ways. They are sorted by state and province, time zone, service provider and Eastern time zone.

**Save the Date! Canadian National Conference on Tobacco or Health**
The Canadian National Conference on Tobacco or Health for 2009 has been announced for November 1-4, 2009 in Montréal. The conference’s Web site is [http://www.ncth.ca/](http://www.ncth.ca/).

**NBCH 13th Annual Conference**