2015 Northeast Epidemiology Conference

Wednesday, September 30, 2015
3:00pm  Hotel Check-In
4:00pm  Conference Registration in Lobby
6:00pm  Opening Reception - Old Man Rafferty’s - three blocks from hotel - Shuttle available

Thursday, October 1, 2015
7:00am  Continental Breakfast
7:30am  Registration in Lobby
8:30am  Welcome and Opening Remarks
Livingston 1 & 2
Christina Tan, MD, MPH State Epidemiologist / Assistant Commissioner New Jersey Department of Health
Jasjit S. Ahluwhalia, MD, MPH, MS - Dean, Rutgers School of Public Health
Cathleen D. Bennet, Acting Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health
8:45am  Opening Plenary
Livingston 1 & 2
Moderator: Andre Weltman, MD, MSc  Pennsylvania Department of Health
Emerging Infectious Diseases in Theory and Practice
Matthew L. Cartter, MD, MPH - State Epidemiologist & Director of Infectious Diseases, Connecticut Department of Public Health
TITLE:
Cristine D. Delneo, PhD, MPH
Professor and Chair of Health Education and Behavioral Science, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, School of Public Health

10:15am  Break / Vendor Exhibits
10:45am  Concurrent Breakout Sessions - Infectious Disease (continued on following page)
Livingston 1 & 2
Session Moderator: Marcelle Layton, MD  NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Shoe-Leather Epidemiology in the 21st Century
Don Weiss, MD, MPH  New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Lassa Fever in New Jersey, 2015
Shereen Semple, MS New Jersey Department of Health & Lindsay Hamilton, MPH CDC/CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellow at New Jersey Department of Health
Q Fever Outbreak among Travelers to Germany Linked to Live Cell Therapy — United States and Canada, 2014
Misha Robyn, DVM, MPH  New York State Department of Health
Recurrent Clusters of Legionellosis in a New York City Hotel
Robert Fitzhenry, PhD  New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Of Rats, Horses, and Zebras: An Old-World Hantavirus Investigation
Angie Maxted, DVM, PhD  New York State Department of Health

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10:45am 12:40pm Concurrent Breakout Sessions - Infectious Disease (Continued from previous page)
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Session Moderator: Marcelle C. Layton, MD  NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Rapid Fire Format

The New Jersey Ebola Monitoring Initiative - A Collaborative Effort
Shereen Semple, MS  and Namitha Reddy, MPH New Jersey Department of Health

No Need to Reinvent the Wheel - Adapting Existing Systems for Active Monitoring During the Ebola Outbreak Response in New Jersey 2014-2015
Jill Dinitz-Sklar, MPH and Natalie Kratz, MPH  New Jersey Department of Health

Prathit Kulkarni, MD  Centers for Disease Control and Prevention / New Jersey Department of Health

Isaac Benowitz, MD  New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Locating hard to reach travelers for Ebola Virus Disease active monitoring in New York City
Lucretia Jones, DrPH, MPH  New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

10:45am 12:40pm Concurrent Breakout Session - Chronic Diseases
Livingston 3
Moderator: Antoinette Stroup, PhD Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey

Determining Density of Unhealthy Outdoor Advertising in NYC by Neighborhood Poverty Level: Methods and Approaches
Tamar Adjoian, MPH  New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Findings of the New Jersey Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Surveillance project, 2009-2011
Heather Jordan, MPH, CPH, MCHES  Rutgers University School of Public Health

Emergency Department (ED) and Hospitalization Use for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) or Asthma in Older Adults Following Hurricane Sandy, New Jersey, 2012
Pauline Thomas, MD  Rutgers New Jersey Medical School

Racial/Ethnic Differences in Risk of Subsequent Invasive Breast Cancer Among Women Diagnosed with Invasive Breast Cancer and Ductal and Lobular Breast Carcinoma in situ
Karen Pawlish, MPH, ScD  New Jersey State Cancer Registry

Disparities in Female Breast Cancer Stage at Diagnosis - a Spatial-Temporal Analysis
Lisa Roche, MPH, PhD  New Jersey State Cancer Registry

Understanding the Barriers and Facilitators to Colorectal Screening among South Asian Immigrants in NYC
Shilpa Patel, MPH  NYU Medical Center

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10:45am – 12:40pm  Concurrent Breakout Session - Cross-Cutting (Continued from previous page)
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Moderator: David Lee, MPH, MBA NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Allison Longenberger, MPT, PhD Pennsylvania Department of Health

Quantifying the Uptake of Wireless Phone Use in Connecticut, 2000-2014; Impact on Random-Digit-Dial Survey Methodology
Paula Clogher, MPH and Camille Pottinger, MPH Yale University - Connecticut Emerging Infections Program (EIP)

Matching Infectious Disease Surveillance Data to Identify Syndemics in New York City (2000–2013)
Olivia Tran, MPH New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

The Usefulness of Linking an Immunization Information System to a Disease Surveillance Database
Preston Garnes, MPH New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

12:45pm – 1:40pm
Lunch in Christopher’s Restaurant (included)

1:45pm – 3:00pm  Concurrent Breakout Session - Occupational / Environmental Health
Livingston 1 & 2
Moderator: Jennifer Rosen MD, MPH New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Chronic Hepatitis B Infection Among High-risk Asian and Pacific Islander Communities in Philadelphia
Chari Cohen, DrPH, MPH Hepatitis B Foundation

Implementation of Revised School Immunization Requirements and Impact on Immunization Coverage in New York State
Elizabeth Rausch-Phung, MD, MPH New York State Department of Health

Determinants of seasonal flu vaccine hesitancy among university students in the US
Maxine Langenfeld, MPH Rutgers School of Public Health

A Method for Tracking Perinatal Hepatitis B in New York State
Candace Noonan-Toly, BA New York State Department of Health

Substance Abuse Behaviors among Newly Reported Hepatitis C Virus Positive Youth – January 2012 through June 2013 in Philadelphia
Kathleen Ross, MPH and Ami Patel, PhD, MPH Philadelphia Department of Public Health

Investigation of Hepatitis C Cases with Limited Resources in Allegheny County, PA
Kristen Mertz, MD, MPH Allegheny County Health Department

1:45pm – 3:00pm  Concurrent Breakout Session - Infectious Disease
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Impact of Drinking Water Source on Associations of Gastrointestinal Illness and Extreme Rainfall in New Jersey
Jessie Gleason, MSPH New Jersey Department of Health

Impact of Heat Index on Emergency Department Admissions in the Northeast
Kathleen Bush, PhD New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

Environmental and Occupational Surveillance Activities at NJDOH: A New Use of Real Time Emergency Department Registration Data
Barbara Goun, PhD New Jersey Department of Health

Occupational Health Effects of Hurricane Sandy
Heather Jordan, MPH, CPH, MCHES and Elizabeth Marshall, PhD Rutgers School of Public Health

Use of New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES) During Hurricane Sandy
Susan German, MPH Rutgers New Jersey Medical School

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Maximizing Provision of Epidemiology Services through Assessing Local Health Department Capabilities and Needs
Kimberly Cervantes, MA, MPH, CIC New Jersey Department of Health

Amita Toprani, MD, MPH and James Hadler, MD, MPH New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Characterization of Evacuations as a Result of Hurricane Sandy — New Jersey, October–November 2012
Prathit Kulkarni, MD Centers for Disease Control and Prevention / New Jersey Department of Health

Panel Discussion: Opioid Analogic Misuse and Overdose Deaths in NYC: A Multi-Pronged Approach to Address the Crisis

Pseudomonas aeruginosa in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit — California, 2013–2014
Cara Bicking Kinsey, PhD, MPH, RNC Pennsylvania Department of Health

Postpartum Invasive Group A Streptococcal Disease — Southeast Pennsylvania, 2015
Cara Bicking Kinsey, PhD, MPH, RNC Pennsylvania Department of Health

Heart of the problem: Investigation of 3 Bacterial Endocarditis Cases Following Oral Surgery- New Jersey 2014
Jason Mehr, MPH New Jersey Department of Health

I Can See Clearly Now, the Yeast is Gone: Investigating a Cluster of Candida Interface Infections and Positive Donor Tissue Cultures Following Corneal Transplant Surgery
Elizabeth Talbot, MD New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services / Dartmouth Geisel School of Medicine

Surveying for Superbugs: A Survey on Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) Rates and Laboratory Testing in New Jersey, 2014
Lindsay Hamilton, MPH New Jersey Department of Health

Assessment of Infection Control and Prevention Capacity and Infrastructure in Acute Care Hospitals in Connecticut
Using National Healthcare Safety Network Annual Surveys
Richard Melchreit, MD Connecticut Department of Public Health

Automated Methods to Improve the Completeness of Key Data Elements in Infectious Disease Response
MaryKate Martelon, MPH Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Novel Use of a Surveillance System to Enhance Communication with General Public and Local Boards of Health
T. Scott Troppy, MPH Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Collaboration Creating and Utilizing a new Foodborne Illness Complaint Module
T. ScottTroppy, MPH Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Increasing Adequate Treatment of Gonorrhea Patients in New York State
Xiaohong Wang, MS New York State Department of Health

Evaluating the Classification of Congenital Syphilis Investigations in NYC, 2012
Tsering Choden, MPH and Robin Hennessy, MPH New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Enhanced Lyme Disease Surveillance, Allegheny County, 2014
Jennifer Fiddner, MPH Allegheny County Health Department
3:45pm - 5:00pm  Concurrent Breakout Session - Occupational / Environmental Health
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Methyl Bromide Release at a Condominium Resort - U.S. Virgin Islands, March 2015
Prathit Kulkarni, MD  Centers for Disease Control and Prevention / NJ Department of Health

Reports of Adverse Health Effects Related to Synthetic Cannabinoid Use in New York State
Eleni Papadopoulos, University at Albany, School of Public Health

Long Term Metal PM2.5 Exposure Decrease Cardiac Acceleration and Deceleration Capacities in Welders
Peter Umukoro, MBBS, MPH, ScD  Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

A Case-Control Study of Multiple Occupational Exposures and Lung Cancer Risk in Northeastern USA
Jongeun Rhee, MS  Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Association of Endometriosis and Phthalate Exposure: A Meta-analysis of Observational Studies
Pi-I Debby Lin-Mruk, MS  Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

In-utero Arsenic Exposure, Early Marriage, and Preterm Birth in Bangladesh
Mohammad Rahman, MD, MPH  Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Enjoy your evening! ‘Dine-Around’ listing is on the registration table!

Friday, October 2, 2015

7:00am - 8:00am  Continental Breakfast
8:15am - 9:45am  Rapid Fire Presentations
Livingston 1 & 2  Moderator: Hillary Parton, MPH  New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Adapting Evidence-based Hypertension Prevention and Healthy Promotion Strategies for Asian American Populations
Simona Kwon, DrPH  NYU Medical Center

Increasing the Efficiency and Yield of a Tuberculosis Contact Investigation through Electronic Data Systems Matching – New York City, 2013
Jennifer Sanderson, MPH  New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Forensic Epidemiology in Action – Plague / A Joint Public Health / FBI Investigation
Kimberly Cervantes, MA, MPH, CIC  New Jersey Department of Health

Importance of Post-Exposure Prophylaxis Following Confirmed Case of Hepatitis A in a Foodhandler
Nicole Mazur, MPH  New Jersey Department of Health

Protocol Development for Investigation of Single Cases of Legionnaires’ Disease, Allegheny County, PA
Lauren Torso, MPH  Allegheny County Health Department

Pregnancy as the main driver of sex disparities among adult influenza hospitalizations across 14 FluSurv-NET Sites, 2010-2012
Kelly Kline, MPH  Connecticut Emerging Infections Program, Yale School of Public Health

The Role of Childhood Violence Exposure, Self-esteem and Depressive Symptoms on Consistent Contraception Use Among Young, Sexually Active Women
Deborah Nelson, PhD  Temple University College of Public Health

Partnering with Travel Agents to Develop Health Education Outreach among New York City Residents Visiting Friends and Relatives Abroad, 2013-201
Stacy Wright-Woolcock, MSW and Camille Adolphe  New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Access to Care in the Wake of Hurricane Sandy, New Jersey, 2012
Amy Davidow, PhD  Rutgers School of Public Health

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9:45am – 10:45am: Late Breaker Presentations

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Moderator: Benjamin Chan, MD, MPH  New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

Outbreak of C. Perfringens at a Summer Camp in Dutchess County, NY - July 2015
Katie Wheeler-Martin, MPH  Dutchess County Department of Health

Results from a Pilot Surveillance System of Harmful Algal Bloom-associated Illnesses in New York State, 2015
Mary Figgatt, MPH  CDC/CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellowship/New York State Department of Health

New York State Counties With High Potentially-Avoidable Antibiotic Prescribing for Upper Respiratory Infections: Identification and Intervention
Sarah Kogut, MPH  New York State Department of Health

Outbreak of Community Acquired Legionnaires’ Disease in New York City, New York -- July-August 2015
Keren Landman, MD  New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Effects of living in an underserved area on fruit and vegetable purchases among households participating in the New Jersey Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
Janice Okeke, MPH  CDC/CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellowship/New Jersey Department of Health

The Sustainability of Traveler Monitoring for Emerging Infectious Diseases: Lessons Learned from Active Monitoring of Traveler’s from West Africa for Ebola Virus Disease in CT, October 2014–July 2015.
Terry Rabatsky-Ehr  Connecticut Department of Public Health

James Hadler, MD  Yale School of Public Health – Connecticut Emerging Infections Program

Three Recent Laboratory-Associated Brucella Incidents Resulting in >70 Exposures, New York City, 2015.
Joel Ackelsberg, MD, MPH  New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Identification of Areas with High Concentrations of Persons with Poorly-controlled Diabetes in NYC Using Spatial Pattern Analyses
Steve Di Lonardo, MS  New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

10:45am – 11:00am: BREAK

11:00am – 11:30am: Public Health Partners Updates

Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists - Update
Jeffrey Engel, MD  Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE)

CDC Epidemiology Workforce Branch, Epidemic Intelligence Service Update
Michael Gronostaj, MD, PharmD, MPH  Centers for Disease Control and Prevention / Epidemic Intelligence Service

11:30am – 12:30pm: State of the States

12:00 pm – 1:00pm: Lunch available (eat in or take out, included) at Christopher’s Restaurant

12:00pm – 1:00pm: Hotel Checkout

A world of thanks to all who helped coordinate the NEEPI2015 Conference! Abstract reviewers, session moderators, program planners, and most importantly all the outstanding presenters who made this conference a valuable learning opportunity!