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Public Health Law
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October 10-12,
2012
Atlanta, GA

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Conference
December 4-6,
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San Diego, CA

NBSTRN Workgroup Meetings....

NBSTRN Labora-
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Meeting
September 27-
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Washington, DC

NBSTRN Bioeth-
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Issues
Workgroup
Meeting
October 17-18
Washington, DC

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NBSTRN NEWSLETTER

July 2012



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508 Compliance

The ACMG Contract with the NICHD specifies compliance for the NBSTRN with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act. Commonly referred to as "508 or Disability Access," the Rehabilitation Act requires that Federal agencies' electronic and information technology be accessible to people with disabilities. Working closely with the NICHD 508 Team, we ensure that the content and presentation of the NBSTRN website and the Virtual Repository website fulfill the requirements of this act. The goal is to ensure that technical solutions that allow the use of adaptive interface technologies designed to assist perceptually impaired individuals are supported to the greatest extent manageable.

In April 2012, NICHD performed a detailed review of the NBSTRN.org website. A report was generated that provided feedback and changes have been made to our website. For example, alternative keyboard navigation text-readers, braille conversion, and high-contrast display profiles are some of the recent improvements.

Outcomes of the Section 508 review process

Compliance with Section 508 for web-content is now standard operating procedure for the NBSTRN. After addressing the recommended changes described in the report from NICHD, NBSTRN has scheduled two annual reviews of our website which will occur in June and December of each year. The NBSTRN is using Mozilla Fire Fox web-browser's WAVE web-plugin to analyze our websites for 508 compliance. Various technical specifications are monitored through the Wave program, for example captioning or video descriptors, required ALT-tags or "alternative-text" labels that accompany images and other multimedia displays. Design reviews will also occur to test navigation coding and display methods as the websites continue to expand. This design review will ensure that the use of telecommunications solutions for individuals with perceptual impairments do afford appropriate access to the NBSTRN and that accessibility is monitored and maintained in compliance with Section 508. If you have any questions or comments about 508 compliance please contact Bruce Bowdish at bbowdish@acmg.net.

VRDBS Pilot Update

We are excited to announce that there is **REAL** data in the Virtual Repository of Dried Blood Spots. At this time we have data from California, Iowa, Michigan and New York included (for a total of over **1.5 million specimens**). If you or a colleague would like to look at our system and possibly submit a question to one or more states, request a letter of support, or request specimens for research please let us know! Contact Amy Hoffman at ahoffman@acmg.net.

Just a reminder, this is a "closed pilot" with specified investigators using the system. We plan to open the site up to the public in September.

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Iowa	124,662	<input type="text"/>	DBS Specimen Use Restrictions
Michigan	725,100	<input type="text"/>	DBS Specimen Use Restrictions
New York	1,188,937	<input type="text"/>	DBS Specimen Use Restrictions

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These numbers reflect only those cases in the virtual repository, not the incidence of the condition in the population.

NBSTRN Webinars

Don't forget to register for our monthly webinars!

Providing Newborn Screening Specimens for Research: Legal Issues Faced by State Health Departments Webinar Series

July 26th at 1:00pm (eastern)

August 30th at 1:00pm (eastern)

September 27th at 1:00pm (eastern)

VRDBS Online Training and Demos

July 19th at 2:00pm (eastern)

August 16th at 2:00pm (eastern)

September 20th at 2:00pm (eastern)



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