Monitoring Emergency Department Use for Dental Problems

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A little background about CDC

- Division of Oral Health [http://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth](http://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth)
  - Funds 20 state health departments to develop infrastructure for oral health
    - State dental director
    - Surveillance System, epidemiologist
    - Evaluation capacity
    - Coalition, Water Fluoridation, school-based sealant programs, etc.
  - Cooperative agreement with Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors
    - Many areas of collaboration
    - Surveillance system, technical assistance to state oral health programs
  - Collaboration with other agencies, national partners

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- **BioSense** [http://www.cdc.gov/biosense](http://www.cdc.gov/biosense)
  - Mandated in the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002
  - integrated national system for early detection and rapid assessment of potential bioterrorism-related illness
  - Funds 16 states, 4 cities, more participate without funding

- **National Center for Health Statistics (NCSH)**
  - Many national and state-based surveys, random samples

- **National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC)**
  - Monitors intentional and unintentional injuries
  - Morbidity and mortality from opioid analgesics (unintentional)

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A little background about oral health surveillance

- Major national health surveys included oral health at points – 1970s-1990s
- Also separate national surveys for oral health (1980s)
- Mid-1990s – greater focus on need for state data, comparable across states
- Need to compare burden of oral diseases to other diseases, using the same population and risk data
  - Greater integration of oral health into existing major national and state-based surveys
- Need for local data recognized, improving, not fully realized yet

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INITIAL INTEREST – 2007

CDC BioSense – interested in “secondary use” of biosurveillance data system

ADA – interest in more substantial information on ED use and hospital admissions for aspiration pneumonia associated with poor oral health among frail elders

States – analyses of cost of hospital OR treatment for caries among young children (NY), some assessing variation by fluoridation status (LA)

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  **Result**
  - Small, but visible proportion of visits included ICD-9 codes for dental problems
  - Similar to proportion for some other chronic diseases
  
  **Enough to proceed with BioSense analysis**
  - BioSense main mission took priority – Gulf oil disaster, fires, etc.
  - Transitions in BioSense organization

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  **What other data sources are available?**
  - Medical Expenditure Panel Survey
  - Health Cost and Utilization Project
  - National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey
  - National Emergency Department Sample
  - State Emergency Department Samples (for purchase)
    - Not every state every year
  - Medicaid, possibly Medicare claims data
  - Data sets from insurance data aggregators (for fee, usually)

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Current activities with CDC and ADA/CAPIR

- Coordination with ADA projects (Roundtable #19)
- Development of surveillance measure for BioSense
  - Review of refereed journal articles (Poster #1)
  - Measure testing – Chief Complaint and ICD-9 Final Diagnosis
  - Not complete national coverage, growing ~13% of all visits
- Description of ED use for dental problems among patients reporting Medicaid as expected form of payment (NC)
  - Overall estimates and by payor will also be presented
  - Description of multiple visits, county rates, trends
  - NC has ~100% coverage, can estimate visit and population rates

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Current activities with CDC and ADA

- Manuscript accepted Journal of Public Health Dentistry
  - Recent Trends in Dental Emergency Departments in the U.S. – 1997/98 to 2007/08 (Tom Wall)
  - National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS)

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Upcoming, future developments

- **BioSense is transitioning to BioSense 2.0 (in the cloud)**
  - Initial focus is on primary mission, data accuracy, functionality for participating facilities for outbreak/disaster response

- **CDC/CMS data sharing**
  - NCHS has linked Medicaid and Medicare data to NHANES
    - No state or local estimation, but linkage between exam and claims, longitudinal to some extent
  - Work is underway to support CDC access to CMS data, primarily again for outbreak/disaster response, but with potential for chronic disease program use

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- **Need inventory of measures used with emergency department data that may not be in peer-reviewed literature**
  - Measures from hospital administration reports, legislative reports, state offices

- **Quality measurement**
  - Although the main focus of quality measurement development for oral health is not in this area, there may be potential for development of hospital-based quality measures related to oral health

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CDC’s National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC)

- CDC and American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) are collaborating on a clinical policy regarding opioid analgesic prescribing in emergency departments for acute and chronic pain.
  - The draft is in clearance now, with anticipated publication in late 2012.
- CDC/NCIPC has funded two-year randomized controlled trials (NC, WA) to study the use of consistent care plans for frequent emergency department users

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Although at least 40 states have operational Prescription Monitoring Programs (PMPs), the policies governing data use for public health or epidemiological studies vary among the programs.

- PMP data cannot identify the kind of pain being treated or whether the prescription was written in an ED.
- Prescription Behavior Surveillance System will link de-identified data from 5 states beginning July 2012.

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Take away messages

- National level data exist to monitor emergency department use for dental problems
- Need for standard surveillance measures
  - Not to replace existing useful ones, but to allow comparison across states, local areas, local-state-national comparisons
- Centralized and federated data sources are in development
  - Will support both nationally or state coordinated reporting and local area monitoring
- State and local data exist and are being used now
  - Collaboration with those data programs could be useful at state and local levels, earlier than national efforts

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