

March Newsletter

Poison Center & Public Health Collaborations Community of Practice (CoP)

MARCH 2016

NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK 2016—MARCH 20-26

According to the [2015 NCHS Fact Sheet on Drug Poisoning Death](#):

Poisoning is the leading cause of injury death in the U.S. Drugs—both pharmaceutical and illicit—cause a vast majority of poisoning deaths.

Of the 42, 981 drug poisoning deaths that occurred in 2013, 81% are unintentional.

For 54 years the U.S. President has named the third week of March as National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW) to raise awareness about the dangers of poisonings and how to prevent them. This week is sponsored by the Poison Prevention Week Council (PPWC).

The PPWC membership is comprised of over 20 national organizations with an interest and commitment to programs aimed at preventing unintentional poisonings. Many of these members are poison centers, who are represented in our CoP. For a full list of member organizations, their efforts, or to access any educational materials on poison prevention, please visit the NPPW website at: <http://www.poisonprevention.org/materials.htm>.

If your organization does not currently have plans for National Poison Prevention Week, please consider ways you can get involved in reducing unintentional poisonings.

NPPW RESOURCES:

Outreach: The American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC) provides a [2016 National Poison Prevention Week Outreach Toolkit](#) that includes a variety of promotional materials.

Guidance: The World Health Organization (WHO) provides a document [Guidelines on the Prevention of Toxic Exposures](#) which gives an extensive overview of education and public awareness activities.

For more information:

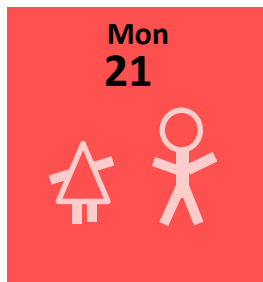
[Poison Prevention.Org](#)

[AAPCC NPPW 2016](#)

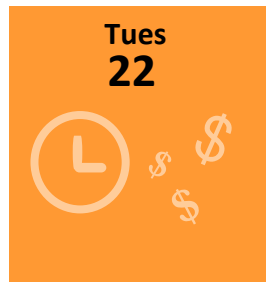
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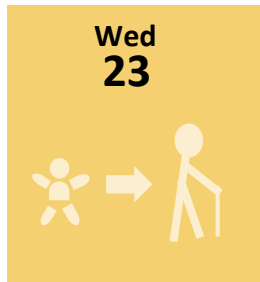
DAILY THEMES:



**CHILDREN ACT FAST...
SO DO POISONS**



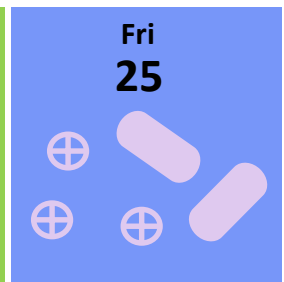
**POISON CENTERS:
SAVING YOU TIME
& MONEY**



**POISONINGS SPAN
A LIFE TIME**



HOME SAFE HOME



MEDICINE SAFETY

WEBINARS

FEBRUARY RECAP

On behalf of the Poison Center & Public Health Collaboration CoP, we would like to thank Drs. Gleason, Cumpston, Holstege and Ms. Vakkalanka for their presentation on an outbreak of clenbuterol-adulterated heroin in Virginia that occurred during the Spring of 2015.

For the February Webinar, we moved from Microsoft's Lync software to Microsoft's Live Meeting with a moderator. We expect that the new system will facilitate access and viewing. For future webinars, we will send out step-by-step instructions on how to use this new system. Thank you for your patience.

UPCOMING WEBINAR

Please join us for our next webinar!

Webinar Announcement: Adulterated medications sold on the street as prescriptions, The Fake Xanax Bars in San Francisco

Date: Thursday June 16, 2016 @ 1:00-2:00 PM EST

Presenters: Annie Arens, MD & Kathy Vo, MD (Medical Toxicology Fellows, California Poison Control System, San Francisco Division)

Details: Dr. Arens and Dr. Vo will present a cluster of injury and deaths of patients within the San Francisco Bay area following ingestion of adulterated pills produced to look like prescription medication. They will describe the clinical cases as well as the coordinated public health response which included the local medical examiner, poison center, affected hospitals and public health officer.

Need a **copy of the slides** from this presentation?

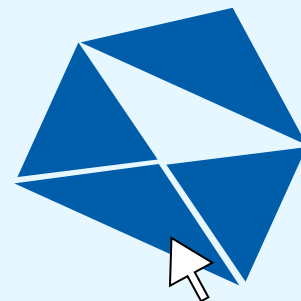
Inspired to **present on a collaboration** in your jurisdiction?

Please contact Rebecca Lyons at RLyons@cdc.gov.

COMING IN JUNE...

The June CoP newsletter will present two articles, one discussing trends in prescription opioid abuse and the other discussing the recent increase in opioid (specifically heroin) related deaths. In preparation for our June issue:

Please share your experiences, thoughts, and concerns for public health and poison center collaboration around reducing morbidity and mortality related to opioids by sending an email to: CDCL-PC-PH-COP@LISTSERV.CDC.GOV



COMMUNITY UPDATES

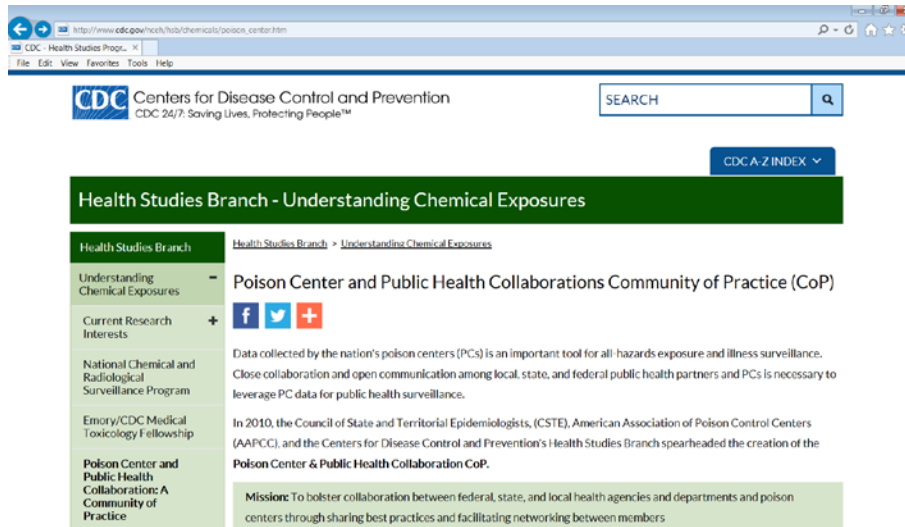
WEBPAGE

The updated version of the CoP webpage went live in early February!

Please check it out at:

http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/hsb/chemicals/poison_center.htm

It is our hope that this webpage will be a resource to the community and serve as a repository for all materials related to CoP activities. Each iteration of the webpage (links, documents, etc.), needs to be cleared by CDC, so please be patient! If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions for the CoP webpage, please contact Rebecca Lyons at RLyons@cdc.gov, and we will work to address them.



Exciting new changes include a list of previous webinars and links to:

- Community Charter
- Report of findings from the 2012 Poison Center and Health Department collaborations survey
- Previous Newsletters

LISTSERV

All members should have received an email informing them of our migration from a distribution list into a CDC Listserv. We will be using this moderated listserv as an interactive tool for the community and all future correspondence regarding the CoP will be through this listserv. A detailed guidance document for using the listserv will be made available to members soon.

JOIN LISTSERV?

Send the command: **SUBSCRIBE** CDCL-PC-PH-COP *firstname lastname* to CDCL-PC-PH-COP@LISTSERV.CDC.GOV

LEAVE LISTSERV?

Send Command: **UNSUBSCRIBE** CDCL-PC-PH-COP *firstname lastname* to CDCL-PC-PH-COP@LISTSERV.CDC.GOV

NOT SURE?

Learn of meetings & relevant info without listserv emails coming directly to your inbox. Create a rule moving all emails from CDCL-PC-PH-COP@LISTSERV.CDC.GOV into a



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<http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/hsb/>

**American Association of
Poison Control Centers**

<http://www.aapcc.org/>

**Council of State &
Territorial Epidemiologists**

<http://www.cste.org>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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