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Outline

- Introduction to Evidence-Based Public Health (EBPH)
- Overview of Evidence-Based Practice for Public Health (EBPPPH) Project & Findings
- Finding EBPH Information Resources
Evidence-Based + Public Health

“the conscientious, explicit, and judicious use of current best evidence in making decisions about
the care of communities and populations in the domain of health protection, disease prevention, health maintenance and improvement.”

Source:
Evidence-Based Public Health

Best Evidence from Research

Decisions for Public Health Practice
- Interventions
- Programs
- Policies

Social values, Politics, Economics

Expertise, Knowledge
Evidence-Based Practice for Public Health Project

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Project’s Achievements

- Organization & classification of Public Health Knowledge
- Identification of PH journals, PH databases, & EBPH resources for practice
- Project Website to disseminate findings & links to identified resources
- Qualitative Research Study to determine the information needs of PH professionals
- Strategies to improve access to credible & relevant PH information
Evidence-Based Resources for Public Health Practice

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- Evidence-Based Guidelines
- Systematic Reviews
- Pre-formulated & Filtered Searches
- Best & Model Practices
- Public Health Bibliographic Databases
- Public Health Journals
Qualitative Study to Identify the Information Needs of Public Health Professionals

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http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/6/89
Qualitative Study Methods

Study Sample:
19 Professionals at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health
- 12 - Bureau of Communicable Disease Control
- 7 – Division of Community Health Promotion

Data Collection & Analysis
- Tape/transcribed key informant interviews & focus groups
- Thematic analysis of data; comparison across groups
Questions Asked

- Type of work tasks performed requiring access to information?
- Information sources currently used?
- Current limitations to information access?
- Preferred format and features for information access?
- Desired enhancements for access?
## Information Sources Used by Participants

**Different information sources for different needs**

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Need access to all levels of the information continuum
Information Needs of Public Health Professionals

- Single portal access to PH information
- Automatic notification of new information
- Free access to EBPH resources
- Access to information from multiple disciplines, beyond biomedical field
- Access to grey literature & conference abstracts
- Access to credible summarized information – systematic reviews & evidence-based guidelines
- Training on how to access resources
PH Information Access Model

User-selected filters & pre-formulated search criteria

PH Evidence-Based Information Access Website

Credible indexed info

• Journal articles
• Systematic reviews
• Practice guidelines
• Best practices
• Relevant grey literature

Newly published information in diverse disciplines of interest

Review System

Automatic notification of newly available requested filtered information

Customized user database of accessed information
Meeting the Need to Access Credible Public Health Information

- Evidence-Based Practice for Public Health Project
  http://library.umassmed.edu/ebpph

- Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Workforce Project
  http://PHPPartners.org
Evidence-Based Practice for Public Health Project

Overview

There are numerous clinically based models for finding the "best evidence" for the diagnosis and treatment of disease. This process is called Evidence-based Medicine or EBM, which has been defined as "the conscientious, explicit, and judicious use of current best evidence in making decisions about the care of individual patients. The practice of evidence-based medicine means integrating individual clinical expertise with the best available external clinical evidence from systematic research" (Sackett DL, Rosenberg WMC, Gray JAM, Haynes RB, Richardson WS. Evidence based medicine: what it is and what it isn’t. BMJ 1996; 312: 71-2). Within the EBM models, there is no or little attention paid to the "best practices" for population-based (public) health. The purpose of this project is to examine the clinical EBM models and assess their effectiveness to the public health literature. The project will also identify any existing evidence-based projects in public health and assess their effectiveness. The outcomes of the project will be:

1. An Evidence-based Public Health website;
2. An electronic publication or database based on the preferred models(s);
3. A training program for public health practitioners introducing them to evidence-based public health practice and literature retrieval methods.

Funding

The Evidence-Based Practice for Public Health Project is funded by an award from the Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine / Centers of Disease Control and Prevention Cooperative Agreement to the Lamar Soutter Library at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

Objectives

- Identify the knowledge domains of public health and their corresponding literature.
- Identify at least three models of evidence-based literature approaches to clinical medicine and review their applicability to the literature of public health.
Evidence-Based Resources for Public Health Practice Available for Free Online Access

Evidence-based Guidelines

- United States
  - CDC Recommends: The Prevention Guidelines System (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
  - Guide to Clinical Preventive Services (U.S. Preventive Services Task Force)
  - Guide to Community Preventive Services (Task Force on Community Preventive Services)
  - MMWR Recommendations and Reports (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
  - National Guideline Clearinghouse (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality)

Systematic Reviews

- United States
  - PubMed Systematic Reviews (National Library of Medicine)
  - Healthy Aging Initiative - Evidence Reports (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services)

- International
  - Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, Abstracts (Cochrane Collaboration)
  - Cochrane Reviews of Relevance to Health Promotion and Public Health (Cochrane Health Promotion and Public Health Field)
  - DARE (Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects) (Centre for Reviews and Dissemination, University of York, UK)
  - The Effective Public Health Practice Project (Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the City of Hamilton, Public Health and Community Services)
  - EPPI (Evidence for Practice and Policy Information) Centre (Social Science Research Unit, Institute of Education, University of London, UK)
  - Evidence Based Health Promotion (Victorian State Government, Department of Human Services, Australia)
  - Health Development Agency Evidence Base (Health Development Agency, UK)
  - Health Evidence Bulletins Wales (Duthie Library, University of Wales College of Medicine, Cardiff, UK)
  - Health-Evidence.ca (Canadian Institutes of Health Research)

Pre-formulated and Filtered Searches of Published Research Studies

- United States
  - Healthy People 2010 Information Access Project (National Library of Medicine and the Public Health Foundation)
  - PubMed Clinical Queries (National Library of Medicine)
  - PubMed Health Services Research (HSR) Queries (National Library of Medicine)

Best Practices (Experience-Based)

- United States
Evidence-based recommendations for programs and policies to promote population health.

Topics

- Alcohol
- Cancer
- Diabetes
- Mental Health
- Motor Vehicle
- Nutrition
- Obesity
- Oral Health
- Physical Activity
- Pregnancy
- Sexual Behavior
- Social Environment
- Substance Abuse
- Tobacco
- Vaccines
- Violence
- Worksite

Users

- Public Health Professionals
- Providers of Health Care Services
- Legislators and Policy Makers
- Researchers
- Community-based Organizations
- Employers and Other Purchasers of Health Care Services

Guide to Community Preventive Services
http://www.thecommunityguide.org

Search The Community Guide

News

- 15% discount
  The Guide to Community Preventive Services in book form

- America's Health: State Rankings — 2005 Edition

What is It?

- About the Guide
- The Book
- Economics
- Methods
- Partners

Calendar of Events

- Next Task Force Meeting
  October 18 – 19, 2006

Contact Info

- Community Guide Branch
  National Center for Health Marketing (NCHM)
  Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
  1600 Clifton Road NE
The systematic reviews by the Guide to Community Preventive Services (Community Guide) of the effectiveness of interventions to reduce or prevent tobacco use focused on three areas:

1. Preventing tobacco product use initiation
2. Increasing cessation
3. Reducing exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS)

Interventions

Reducing Tobacco Use Initiation

- Increasing the unit price for tobacco
- Mass media education campaigns when combined with other interventions

Restricting minors’ access to tobacco products:

Community mobilization when combined with additional interventions (stronger local laws directed at retailers, active enforcement of retailer sales laws)

Contact Info

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Atlanta, GA 30333
E-mail: communityguide@cdc.gov
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#### Summary of Findings: Tobacco Use Prevention and Control

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NGC News

What's New this Week

- New/updated AAFP, CDC, IDSA, RNAO, UMHS, and Work Loss Data Inst guidelines.
- The Annotated Bibliographies database has been updated for the 13th time.
- The CDC has recently released comprehensive immunization strategy to eliminate transmission of hepatitis B and guidelines for preventing the transmission of Mycobacterium tuberculosis in health-care settings. See also NGC's Guidelines in Progress page.

Recent U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Advisories

- January 5, 2006: Avandia (rosiglitazone maleate) and Avandamet (rosiglitazone maleate/metformin HCl). Post-marketing reports of new onset and worsening diabetic macular edema.

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- The 2005 National Healthcare Quality Report (NHQR) and 2005 National Healthcare Disparities Report (NHDR) are now accessible from the QualityTools Web site.
- National Quality Measures Clearinghouse (NQMC)
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Brief Summary

GUIDELINE TITLE
Screening for prostate cancer: recommendations and rationale.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC SOURCE(S)


GUIDELINE STATUS
This is the current release of the guideline.


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RECOMMENDATIONS

MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS
The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) grades its recommendations (A, B, C, D, or I) and the quality of the overall evidence for a service (good, fair, poor). The definitions of these grades can be found at the end of the "Major Recommendations" field.

- The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) concludes that the evidence is insufficient to recommend for or against routine screening for prostate cancer using prostate specific antigen (PSA) testing or digital rectal examination (DRE). I recommendation.

The USPSTF found good evidence that PSA screening can detect early-stage prostate cancer but mixed and inconclusive evidence that early detection improves health outcomes. Screening is associated with important harms, including frequent false-positive results and unnecessary anxiety, biopsies, and potential complications of treatment of some cancers that may never have affected a patient's health. The USPSTF concludes that evidence is insufficient to determine whether benefits outweigh harms for a screened population.
BACKGROUND:
The debate about how, where and by whom young children should be looked after is one which has occupied much social policy and media attention in recent years. Mothers undertake most of the care of young children. Internationally, out-of-home day-care provision ranges widely. These different levels of provision are not simply a response to different levels of demand for day-care, but reflect cultural and economic interests concerning the welfare of children, the need to promote mothers’ participation in paid work, and the importance of socializing children into society’s values. At a time when a decline in family values is held responsible for a range of social problems, the day-care debate has a special prominence.

OBJECTIVES:
To quantify the effects of out-of-home day-care for preschool children on educational, health and welfare outcomes for children and their families.

SEARCH STRATEGY:
Randomised controlled trials of day-care for pre-school children were identified using electronic databases, hand searches of relevant literature, and contact with authors.

SELECTION CRITERIA:
Studies were included in the review if the intervention involved the provision of non-parental day care for children under 5 years of age, and the evaluation design was that of a
Search by Focus Area

This site lets you search for published literature related to the Healthy People 2010 focus areas.

- Access to Quality Health Services
- Arthritis, Osteoporosis, and Chronic Back Conditions
- Cancer
- Chronic Kidney Disease
- Diabetes
- Disability and Secondary Conditions
- Educational and Community-Based Programs
- Environmental Health
- Family Planning
- Food Safety
- Health Communication
- Hearing Objectives
- Heart Disease and Stroke
- HIV
- Immunization and Infectious Diseases
- Injury and Violence Prevention
- Maternal, Infant and Child Health
- Medical Product Safety
- Mental Health and Mental Disorders
- Nutrition and Overweight
19-3. Reduce the proportion of children and adolescents who are overweight or obese.

Target and baseline:

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*Defined as at or above the gender- and age-specific 95th percentile of BMI based on the revised CDC Growth Charts for the United States.

Target setting method: Better than the best.

Data source: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), CDC, NCHS.
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7. Truong HH, Kellogg T, McFarland W, Kang MS, Darney P, Drey EA.
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Interventions to reduce unintended pregnancies among adolescents: systematic review of randomised controlled trials

Alba DiCenso, Gordon Guyatt, A Willan, L Griffith

Abstract

Objective To review the effectiveness of primary prevention strategies aimed at delaying sexual intercourse, improving use of birth control, and reducing incidence of unintended pregnancy in adolescents.

Data sources 12 electronic bibliographic databases, 10 key journals, citations of relevant articles, and contact with authors.

Study selection 26 trials described in 22 published and unpublished reports that randomised adolescents to an intervention or a control group (alternate intervention or nothing).

Data extraction Two independent reviewers assessed methodological quality and abstracted data.

Data synthesis The interventions did not delay initiation of sexual intercourse in young women (pooled odds ratio 1.12; 95% confidence interval 0.96 to 1.30) or young men (0.99; 0.84 to 1.16); did not improve use of birth control by young women at every intercourse (0.95; 0.69 to 1.30) or at last intercourse (1.05; 0.50 to 2.19) or by young men at every intercourse (0.90; 0.70 to 1.16) or at last intercourse (1.25; 0.99 to 1.59); and did not reduce pregnancy rates in young women (1.04; 0.78 to 1.40). Four abstinence programmes and one school based sex education programme were associated with an for the individual, family, and community. There are negative associations between early childbearing and numerous economic, social, and health outcomes. For society, unintended early childbearing has tremendous social and financial costs. In response, communities have implemented various pregnancy prevention strategies for adolescents, several of which have been evaluated. Discrepant results of these evaluations have left the effectiveness of such strategies in doubt.

We undertook a systematic review that included non-published studies to avoid publication bias, excluded non-randomised studies that tend to inflate treatment effects, and provided a summary measure to facilitate interpretation.

Methods

Eligibility criteria
We included published and unpublished randomised controlled trials of adolescents (aged 11 to 18 years) that evaluated pregnancy prevention programmes including sex education classes, school based clinics, family planning clinics, and community based programmes. We included studies that evaluated delay in initiation of sexual intercourse, consistent use of birth control, or avoidance of unintended pregnancy. All studies took place in North America, Australia, New Zealand, or Europe (including Eastern Europe) and...
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- **AHRQ Electronic Newsletter (Non-Media Only)** - (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality) - An electronic newsletter is provided for people who are interested in receiving announcements and information by e-mail about Agency activities. The newsletter is sent out on a regular basis, as news warrants. It describes the results of AHRQ-funded studies, announces the availability of new print and electronic resources, gives updates on the status of current funding opportunities, and much more.

- **AHRQ's Bioterrorism Preparedness LISTSERV** - (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality) - For Discussion and E-mail Lists page Items of interest about the results of AHRQ's bioterrorism preparedness research, planning, and response projects.

- **AHRQ's Patient Safety E-Newsletter** - The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) publishes the Patient Safety E-Newsletter to make available important patient safety news and information. The E-Newsletter is issued on a monthly basis.

- **Bringing Health Information to the Community** - Website contains many useful public health links with a description of the resource. A digest version is also available.

- **Centers for Public Health Preparedness Newsgroup** - (Centers for the Study of Bioterrorism and Emerging Infections)

- **EPA Lists** - (Environmental Protection Agency)

- **EPA Subscribe to E-mail Notification of News and Information** - (Environmental Protection Agency)

- **FDA & You. News for Health Educators and Students** - (Food and Drug Administration) - An educational newsletter intended for use by health educators, secondary school students and their parents. It contains news about medical products from each of FDA's five Centers

- **FDA E-mail Lists** - (U.S. Food and Drug Administration)

- **Join Online Discussion Groups** - (American Public Health Association) - Sections have discussion groups that are open to members of APHA

- **Listservs at NCHS** - (National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) - List of over 10 subject electronic distribution lists set up by the National Center for Health Statistics

- **New Minority Grant Listserv** - (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) - Subscribers will have a

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