

Important Symposium Announcement

Dear Emergency Department Professionals, Public and Private Healthcare Providers, Health Department Officials, and Patient Advocates,

A Symposium: Improving Prevention and Treatment of Rabies and Tetanus Through Utilization of CDC Guidelines and Statewide Resources

This **complimentary** symposium will offer a unique opportunity to hear key information on the treatment of rabies and tetanus and have your questions answered by the experts. Many important details are included below as well as attached a draft agenda and registration form. **Please forward this email to any colleagues or individuals that would be interested in attending this valuable symposium.**

The featured keynote speakers include:

Kumar Alagappan, MD –Professor of Emergency Medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY

Charles Rupprecht, VMD, PhD – Chief, Rabies Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA

Steven Baty, DVM, MPH - Epidemic Intelligence Services Officer, CDC, Arizona Department of Health Services, Phoenix, AZ

Expert Panel Discussion

The panel will be comprised of Arizona experts from the American Academy of Pediatrics, Emergency Medicine, Infectious Disease, Health Education, USDA Wildlife Services, National Council of La Raza and a local health department director.

Date, Time, Location:

Thursday, October 1, 2009
9:00am - 12:30pm
Phoenix Convention Center North Tower
100 North 3rd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Continental Breakfast will be available from 8:15am - 9:00am during registration.

Why Should a Symposium on Rabies and Tetanus Prevention and Treatment be held?

The Arizona Department of Health Services realizes we face many issues regarding the prevention and treatment of rabies and tetanus, particularly as they relate to animal bites. We are striving to enhance communication with the Arizona stakeholders and healthcare providers who treat patients to help better understand the state laws and identify the available resources and tools. This symposium is an excellent opportunity to interface with these world-renowned experts.

Who Should Attend This Symposium?

Interested people who are engaged in treatment and counseling of patients with rabies or tetanus including:

- * Emergency Department professionals
- * Public healthcare professionals, health educators, and patient advocates
- * Private healthcare professionals (Physicians, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants)
- * County and state health department officials
- * Communicable diseases healthcare professionals
- * Public hospital officials

How can people register to attend the event?

Attendees can register the following ways:

1. Online - Please visit www.regonline.com/Oct1Registration
 2. Via Fax - Please return the completed registration form to Robin Jennings at 919-545-0361.
 3. Via Email - Please return the completed registration form to robin@rbendeavors.com
- Please direct any questions regarding registration to Robin Jennings at robin@rbendeavors.com or 919-545-0289. You may also contact Cindy Yager at cindy@saboney.com or 919-881-1193.

We appreciate your time and efforts and hope to see you there!

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