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### KANSAS PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

*submitted by Theresa St.Romain, Senior Coordinator  
Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute*



The Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute (KPHLI) is seeking applicants for its sixth training cycle, 2008-2009. The year-long cycle will begin with an orientation session in connection with the Kansas Public Health Association conference in Topeka in September 2008.

The KPHLI provides competency-based leadership training to professionals in public health and allied fields from around the state. Through four quarterly training sessions, participants hear renowned speakers and complete directed readings and reflective writings in consultation with a mentor/coach. The training cycle culminates in the development and presentation of an applied public health capstone project.

Applicants must complete an application form and a one-page biosketch/statement of interest and must provide a letter of professional recommendation. Full instructions can be found in the Cycle VI application brochure, which is available online click on KPHLI logo.

<http://www.waldcenter.org/kphli/participants.html#cycleVI>.

For further information about applying to the KPHLI, contact KPHLI Senior Coordinator Theresa St.Romain at [tstromain@kumc.edu](mailto:tstromain@kumc.edu). Applications should be submitted to Dr. Suzanne Hawley, KPHLI Co-Executive Director, at [shawley@kumc.edu](mailto:shawley@kumc.edu) no later than Aug. 1.

## LAWRENCE-DOUGLAS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

*submitted by Lisa Horn, Communications Coordinator  
Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department*

While employee appreciation has always been a hallmark of National Public Health Week at the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department, this year, another theme was added to the commemoration.

Taking on the American Public Health Association's "Climate Change: Our Health in the Balance" theme, the environment was highlighted through different events during the week. In addition to other "green" activities, employees attended a lunch presentation on organic gardening and answered an Environmental Health quiz. The quiz winner received two movie gift certificates.

Another highlight of the week was the annual employee recognition. This year, an appreciation lunch was held in conjunction with the presentation of the first Kay Kent Excellence in Public Health Service Award.



Sue McDanel, recipient of the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department's first Kay Kent Excellence in Public Health Service Award, reacts during the presentation. Also pictured is Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board Chair Donna Bell and Health Department Director Dan Partridge.

Inspired by the 33-year legacy of the health department's previous director, Kay Kent, Sue McDanel, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner and charge nurse for the Family Planning/Sexually Transmitted Disease (FP/STD) program received this year's award.

McDanel has worked at the Health Department for 13 years and was nominated by Catherine Bird, a public health nurse in the FP/STD program, and selected by the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board.

In addition to McDanel, five other Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department employees – Jaclyn Gifford, Nancy Jorn, Pat Meyers, Barbara Schnitker and DeeAnne

Schoenfeld – were nominated for the honor. The award will be presented each year to an outstanding employee during National Public Health Week.

## J'VONNAH MARYMAN RECEIVES 2008 EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

*submitted by Betty Grindol  
Immunization Program, KDHE, Wichita*



J'Vonnah Maryman joined the Sedgwick County Health Department in January 2004 as program manager for the Immunization and Health Screening Program. She is an excellent leader, confident in making decisions, and innovative in her methods for running her program and the clinic.

J'Vonnah promotes vaccinations that help to promote individual health and promote public safety. She also works to take immunizations to the most at-risk. J'Vonnah has held "free immunization days" for uninsured children, at such events as the "Community Unity Day" and "Celebrate Children, Celebrate You." These events help to encourage families to immunize their children against preventable disease. She also works with area school nurses to provide immunization services as part of the kindergarten round-ups and at middle and high schools, to increase our community's immunization rate.

This past year J'Vonnah was an active participant in the Sedgwick County Leadership Academy and the Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute. She is often seen assisting other co-workers when the clinic gets busy, taking whatever role is needed for clinic efficiency and customer service.

J'Vonnah provides her time and talents to a number of agencies in the Wichita, Sedgwick County community. She serves on the board of directors for the March of Dimes and is a volunteer coordinator for the Center for Health and Wellness "Stork's Nest Program." Both of which focus on healthy babies. She also volunteers for the American Cancer Society and "Witnessing in the Heartland," a breast and cervical cancer program. J'Vonnah is active with the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, assists the Wichita State University College of Health Professions, and regularly volunteers with events at the schools of her children.

J'Vonnah works everyday, in her role at the Sedgwick County Health Department and in her volunteer time, to benefit the citizens of Wichita, Sedgwick County and Kansas.

## MCGLASSON EARNS RECOGNITION

*submitted by Dawn McGlasson RDH BSDH  
Deputy Director, Office of Oral Health*

Dawn McGlasson, deputy dental director of the Office of Oral Health at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, was honored by receiving the *Reaching Out for Excellence in Dental Hygiene Award* at the UMKC Dental Hygienists Alumni Association luncheon April 5. This award is given to the recipient who has created a positive impact within their community by demonstrating extraordinary commitment.

McGlasson, a founding member and now an ex-officio board member of Oral Health Kansas, was also an inaugural member of the Dental Champions leadership program. She has more than 28 years experience as a practicing hygienist, adjunct dental hygiene instructor and public health educator; and works with schools, health departments, communities and government agencies at the local, county and state levels teaching the benefits of oral health.

A \$250 donation was made to the National Arthritis Foundation by the alumni association in recognition of her achievements.



## KOOL KBH SCREENERS

*submitted by Beverly Steele  
KAN Be Healthy Coordinator, EDS*



Congratulations Patricia Dowlin, RN/BSN, administrator of the Mitchell County Health Department in Beloit, Kansas. When Patricia learned of the recent changes to KAN Be Healthy (KBH) screening requirements including the Complete Blood Count (CBC) with automated differential, she quickly coordinated efforts with her local hospital laboratory. Together they ensure KBH beneficiaries receive this vital blood evaluation.

Patricia and Jolene Albert, laboratory manager at Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems, established a new process for practitioners performing KBH screens. The blood specimen is obtained using a specialized collection device known as a microtainer tube. This method is less traumatic to infants and children than the traditional vacutainer method used by many laboratories. The specimen is then analyzed by the Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems Laboratory. A CBC with automated differential report is generated and reported back to the Mitchell County Health Department. Join us in congratulating Patricia and Jolene as they provide a tremendous service to the KBH kids of Mitchell County. You folks ROCK!

We want to know about all the KOOL KBH screeners who help keep Kansas kids healthy. If you are aware of a KOOL KBH screener in your area, e-mail the screener's name and what makes her or him special to [beverly.steele@ksxix.hcg.eds.com](mailto:beverly.steele@ksxix.hcg.eds.com). To view the KAN Be Health Newsletter click on the logo above.

## REGIONAL SUMMITS

Governor Kathleen Sebelius has announced the locations and dates for the four regional summits to promote opportunities encouraging physical activity, healthy eating, and avoiding tobacco in Kansas. The summits are organized by the Healthy Kansas program and Kansas Recreation and Parks Association working along with other organizations to improve the health of Kansans. A single-day workshop for professionals will be on Friday and Saturday is the community health fair offering public



resources. The following lists, dates and locations. For more information regarding this event please see the attachment on the KRHS web version of this notice.

- \* June 6-7, Johnson County Community College, Overland Park
- \* June 13-14, Ft. Hays State University, Hays
- \* June 20-21, Garden City Community College, Garden City
- \* June 27-28, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg

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### NATIONAL WATER PREVENTION WEEK

*submitted by Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology  
Kansas Department of Health and Environment*



The fourth annual National Recreational Water Prevention Week will take place on May 19-25. In recognition of this week, the Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology at KDHE will be hosting a Webinar Conference on Recreational Water Illnesses (RWIs) on May 19 and 20 from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Go to KS-Train at <http://ks.train.org> for more details and to register for this training. Course #1013002.

### "THINKING GREEN TIP" – WHAT IS OZONE?

Click on picture to find out more about Ozone.



### MAKE EVERYDAY EARTH DAY

*submitted by Meranda Reifschneider  
Bureau of Waste Management, KDHE*



April 22 is a day when people all over the planet take a moment to celebrate and learn about our environment. The first Earth Day took place nearly 40 years ago in 1970. Over 20 million people participated that year. Today, Earth Day is observed by more than 500 million people in 175 countries. Get involved by doing your part to make a difference. five things you can do to help:

1. Recycle everything you can. Find recycling centers near you by visiting [www.kansasbirp.com](http://www.kansasbirp.com).
2. Cut back on disposables. Bring your own mug to Starbucks or your local coffee house. You could get a discount (10 percent at Starbucks), and it's one less disposable cup that will end up in a landfill. Save money and cut back on the 860 million water bottles that are thrown away each week by investing in a reusable water bottle. Switch to reusable cups and dishes at home and work too.
3. Say no to plastic bags. Americans throw away 100 billion plastic bags a year. Next time you shop, opt for a reusable bag. These can be purchased at your local Dillons, Walmart, or Price Chopper for around \$1 each. You will reduce pollution and save energy. The amount of oil it would take to make just 14 plastic bags would run your car for one mile. Learn more about the plastic bag issue at [www.ReusableBags.com](http://www.ReusableBags.com).
4. Save water. Run the dishwasher and washing machine only when they are full. Take shorter showers and consider investing in a low flow showerhead. You'll save fossil fuels by using less hot water and reduce your utility bills too.
5. Become involved in the Green Team at your school or work. Visit the Kansas Green Teams Web site ([www.kansasgreenteams.org](http://www.kansasgreenteams.org)) to learn how.



## KPHA, KDHE AND LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT CELEBRATED NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

*submitted by Barbara Mitchell  
Child/Family/Community Health Section  
Chair, KPHA*



Crawford County Health Department "Get Ready" display at the Capital.

The Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA), the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Kansas local health departments partnered to sponsor regional legislative forums to celebrate National Public Health Week (April 7-13).

The forums consisted of area legislators presenting and discussing health reform issues in Kansas and information on the "Get Ready" campaign, presented by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, that provides education, resources and tools so that individuals, families and communities

are more prepared for potential pandemic flu, outbreak of an emerging infectious disease or other hazard or disaster.

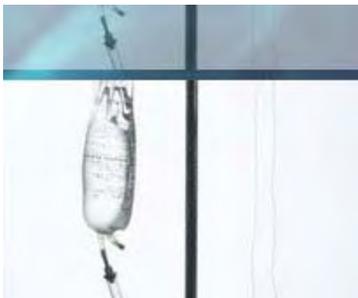
There were 15 public forums scheduled throughout Kansas. Fourteen forums were held and sponsored by the local health departments in the counties of: Crawford, Douglas, Johnson, Franklin, Neosho, NEK Multi, Montgomery, Butler, Lyon, Logan, Riley, Shawnee (sponsored by KPHA), Finney, and Cowley. Saline County had to cancel due to a lack of legislative interest. Sedgwick County participated in the event by holding an open house. More than 50 legislators participated overall and everyone felt that new and better relationships with elected officials were the result of all the forums. In many cities, other elected officials also attended. This helped to boost the awareness and work of public health in Kansas! A majority of the forums also received media attention (even some front page coverage) bringing more attention and publicity to the work and effort of our KPHA members and public health workforce.

The forums began with an overview of health legislation and the 21 recommendations of the Kansas Health Policy Authority, i.e. Tobacco tax increase that would fund health reform, Smoking ban—SB 660, "Premium assistance", SB 540 and SB8, 1 Childcare licensing—HB 2972 and HB 2851 and Restaurant Inspections—SB 584. Legislators responded to these issues and also answered questions from the audiences. KDHE staff also presented a 20 minute Power Point Slide Show on Pandemic Influenza at the forums. Those presenting including Dick Morrissey, Gail Hansen, Mindee Reece, Charlie Hunt, and Cheryl Banez-Ocfemia. The Get Ready Campaign (APHA) Fact sheets were made available, and can be found at [http://www.getreadyforflu.org/pg\\_facts.htm](http://www.getreadyforflu.org/pg_facts.htm).

The forums were popular with the public as they had the opportunity to ask questions of their area legislators. This was the first of what will hopefully become a Public Health Week tradition in Kansas in every county. The members and staff from KPHA who organized these forums put in a lot of hours and effort to make them a success. Here are those that worked on the forums: Janis Goedeke, Amy Hallacy, Melissa Moss, Cindy Mullen, Debbi Baugher, Mike Heideman, Mindee Reece, Dan Partridge, Midge Ransom, Leon Vinci, Theresa Starr, Sheila Boos, Ruth Bardwell, Carol Borger, David Brazil, Georgetta Schoenfeild, Lougene Marsh, Charles Murphy, Kristi Schmidt, Sonja Armbruster, Cyndi Hornberger, Elaine Schwartz, and myself.

## HEALTH CARE AROUND THE WORLD

*submitted by Steve Hirsch  
Federal Office of Rural Health Policy*



I was fortunate to attend a preview of a documentary on health care around the world. T.R. Reid, who is a foreign correspondent for the Washington Post, visited a number of other countries to see what the United States could learn from their health systems. The film was shown on PBS Frontline, and a clip is available at

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/sickaroundtheworld/>

In this "Frontline" report, the Washington Post reporter T. R. Reid travels to five countries — Britain, Japan, Germany, Taiwan and Switzerland — that manage to provide some form of universal health coverage to their

populations. In each nation, he reports, insurance premiums are significantly lower than those in America (in Britain there are none), and the waiting time to see a doctor is either tolerable (in Britain) or nonexistent."

This fast-moving and entertaining hour starts from the premise that the American health care system, with its high costs, multiple gatekeepers and failure to provide insurance for much of the population, is a failure. And Mr. Reid makes the case (in about 10 minutes per country) that other capitalist democracies have not just cheaper and more equally available health care, but also better care over all, with longer life expectancies and lower infant mortality rates.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/04/15/arts/television/15sick.html>

### KANSAS FAITH ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH REFORM

*submitted by Patricia O'Hara  
Office of Health Promotions, KDHE*

State Senators Jim Barnett and Laura Kelly were the featured speakers at a free community event on helping the medically uninsured at the Topeka Grace Episcopal Cathedral on April 27. The focus of the program was to provide information to community volunteers and members of faith communities involved in social ministries on how to help the uninsured access services that currently exist in the community.

Following the Senators' talks, local service providers met with participants to discuss their programs. This included Health Wave, Medicaid, the Marian Clinic, Shawnee County Health Agency, Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved, the state high risk pool handled by the Kansas Health Insurance Association, and Washburn University's short course program that teaches Spanish for health care workers.

The Kansas Faith Alliance for Health Reform and the Kansas Health Consumer Coalition co-sponsored this program. It is part of the nationwide "Cover the Uninsured Week," an annual observance sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to encourage citizens to become more involved in helping the uninsured.

Please contact Michael Massey at [kfahr@kfahr.org](mailto:kfahr@kfahr.org) for additional information on the Kansas Faith Alliance for Health Reform.



### SURVIVE AND THRIVE: ROADMAP FOR NEW LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS

*submitted by the Office of Local and Rural Health*



Survive and Thrive developed by the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) with the support of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is a learning opportunity designed to enhance the skills of new local health officials – top executives at local health departments.

If you are a new local health official, it allows you the chance to engage with seasoned colleagues, learn new skills and apply practical hands on experience to the challenges and opportunities presented by your new role.

As a Survive and Thrive Fellow, you will gain practical tools and tactics to help engage elected officials and community partners; best manage strategic planning and human, financial and information resources; and bolster your ability to resolve challenges unique to your new role. Survive and Thrive is powerful because of the long term commitment to you. In a 12-month timeframe, you will build on your past experience, learn from leading public health practitioners and be part of an integrated group of other new local health officials that provides a network of accessible on the job support.

The commitment is realistic, the price is right and the resources are invaluable. Space is limited for this invaluable learning opportunity. Applications are being accepted online at <http://www.naccho.org/topics/infrastructure/FrequentlyAskedQuestions.cfm>. Join the path to successful leadership in local public health.



## KDHE INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD

*submitted Dr Gail Hansen*

*State Epidemiologist, Kansas Department of Health and Environment*

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Institutional Review Board (IRB), sometimes called the Human Subjects Review Board, includes members with diverse backgrounds and is designed to implement basic ethical principles for people during KDHE public health research activities. The KDHE IRB is committed to protecting people's health, emotional well-being, or social well-being during public health research.



The IRB protects volunteers for public health research by requiring investigators to assure that volunteers:

1. understand and consent to the research they are volunteering for,
2. understand the potential risks to the research,
3. are willing to take those risks; and
4. that the volunteer may withdraw from the research at any time without penalty or retribution.

IRB approval is needed for any research that involves data obtained through intervention or interaction with the individual, or from identifiable private information. Approval must be granted before the research begins.

Once approved, the IRB reviews the status of the research at least annually until the research is finished, to ensure the welfare of the volunteers is being maintained. The IRB has the authority to suspend or terminate approved research that is not being conducted in accordance with the IRB's requirements, or that has been associated with unexpected serious harm to subjects.

The IRB distinguishes research from the routine activities of public health. A determination that an activity is exempt from the IRB approval process does not imply that investigators have no ethical responsibilities to subjects in such research; it means only that the regulatory requirements related to IRB review do not apply to the activity. If there is a question about whether a planned or existing activity is routine public health service, exempt from IRB review, or whether it is research that needs IRB review and approval, please contact Dr. Gail Hansen, the KDHE IRB Chair, , [ghansen@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:ghansen@kdhe.state.ks.us).

To find out more about the IRB process and how it works the IRB Web site address is:  
<http://www.kdheks.gov/health/irb.htm>

## KANSAS PUBLIC HEALTH GRAND ROUNDS



The Kansas Association for Local Health Departments, Kansas Department of Health and Environment and KU Medical Center's Department of Preventive Medicine and Area Health Education Centers are collaborating to make available the Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds series. The Spring 2008 sessions have been occurring on Wednesdays from noon – 1:00 p.m. via the internet utilizing the

Elluminate webconferencing system. Courses are posted to KS-TRAIN at <https://ks.train.org>. Upcoming events include:

- Session #14 - May, 7 "Update on MRSA and Emerging Infections" (course #1012425)  
Speaker: Garold Minns, MD, Professor, Internal Medicine Department, KU School of Medicine-Wichita
- Session #15 - May 15, "WIC Update" (course #1011597)  
Speaker: David Thomason, Director, KDHE-Nutrition and WIC Services

For more information on adding your "site" to the viewing audience contact [ksphgr@kumc.edu](mailto:ksphgr@kumc.edu) or call us at (620) 235-4040.

## PERINATAL ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

*submitted by Joe Kotch*

*Perinatal Health Consultant, KDHE*



The Annual Perinatal Association of Kansas (PAK) Conference, "Faces of Prematurity" will be held June 20 in the Gault-Hussey Auditorium in the Pozez Education Center at Stormont-Vail Health Care in Topeka. Topics that will be presented include: medical issues in the late preterm period, ethics related to issues in high-risk pregnancies, March of Dimes presentation of a model initiative to help reduce preterm births in targeted areas and new laws and issues from the field of genetics.

Bernard Becker, MA, SPHR, Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer for Stormont-Vail Health Care will present, "Leading and Working in a Multigenerational Workforce" in order to bring to the participants a greater understanding of the four age groups that make up today's workforce. The annual PAK general membership meeting gives participants an opportunity to hear reports from members of the PAK executive board and is a time for introductions to new as well as any outgoing board members.

The Kunsche Award will be presented to a person who embodies the ideal of dedicated service, and the promotion of optimal health for mothers and babies in the field of perinatal health. The honoree will receive a framed picture of a Native American grandmother holding an infant in a special recognition ceremony during the luncheon.

For more information and to receive a special "Early Bird" discount go to: [www.kansasperinatal.org](http://www.kansasperinatal.org).

### **ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON PEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONFERENCE**



*submitted by Kris Bean*

*Conference Coordinator, Colorado Children's Hospital*

This year our conference will be held in Vail (in the heart of Vail Village) at a beautiful new conference facility and we were able to obtain great rates. Register now for the Pediatric Infectious Disease Conference to be held on July 27 – Aug. 31 in Vail, Colo. Featured speakers include Dr. Paul Offit, chief, Division of Infectious Diseases at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and Dr. Mike Radetsky, infectious disease consultant at the University of New Mexico. Click on Vail Plaza Hotel view conference brochure.

For more information: contact Kris Bean, Conference Coordinator at (720) 777-6671 or e-mail: [beam.kris@tchden.org](mailto:beam.kris@tchden.org).

### **CULTURAL COMPETENCY**

*submitted Theresa St. Romain*

*KPHLI Senior Coordinator KU Medical Center - Wichita*

The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita, Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, is now offering online cultural competency training for public health workers through the KS-TRAIN learning management system. The content for this two-part course, offered under the title "WALD: Cultural Competency Module" (I and II), was developed by Dr. Suzanne Hawley and Dr. Angelia Paschal for the KU Master of Public Health program in Wichita. It has been adapted for TRAIN into two self-paced trainings of two hours each. Trainings are free of charge for all participants. Course #1010194 for Module I and course #1010197 for Module II.

Training takes the format of online PowerPoints with audio narration. Topics covered in Module I include an introduction to cultural competency and related concepts, definitions related to ethnicity and race, the relationship of cultural competency to public health, and models for different stages of cultural competency. Topics covered in Module II include specific health behaviors of racial and ethnic groups in Kansas, culturally competent service delivery (including health literacy and Title VI), and several self-assessment tools.



### **SEEKING NEW HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATOR**

*submitted by Michele Correll, Administrator*

*Meade County Health Department*



Meade County Health Department is taking applications for the following position as a Nurse Administrator. This is a public health nursing position which includes direct nursing services in clinic and community settings as well as administrative, supervisory, and consultative responsibilities. This work includes coordination of the public health program with programs of other community organizations involved with health issues and services, developing and interpreting nursing policies and procedures, and maintaining acceptable standards of public health nursing. Work is

performed with considerable independence under the direction of the Meade County Board of Commissioners. Please send resume to Meade County Health Department, Box 248, Meade, KS 67864 or fax to (620) 873-8749.



**JOB OPENING AT WYANDOTTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

The Wyandotte County Health Department is taking applications for the following position:

- Nurse Practitioner

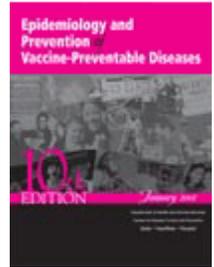
For more information click the Unified Government Seal on the left, or contact Terrie Garrison, at (913) 573-5660 or [tgarrison@wycokck.org](mailto:tgarrison@wycokck.org).

**THE PINK BOOK IS HERE**

*submitted by Linda Wilburn  
Public Health Foundation*



The Public Health Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of the second printing of the 10th edition of "Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases" (The Pink Book). The Pink Book is developed and published by the National Immunization Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



This easy-to-reference book will provide you with comprehensive information on each vaccine-preventable disease, as well as information on principles of vaccination, general recommendations on immunization, immunization strategies for healthcare practices and providers, and vaccine safety. This printing includes book-wide revisions with updates to chapters on Influenza, Hepatitis A, Meningococcal disease, and Human Papillomavirus.

You may order online by clicking on the book or call (877) 252-1200. For questions, please contact Linda Wilburn at [lwilburn@phf.org](mailto:lwilburn@phf.org) or (202) 218-4404.

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