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Anencephaly Investigation
Central Washington, 2010-2014

Advisory Committee Meeting
October 20, 2014

Surveillance Update

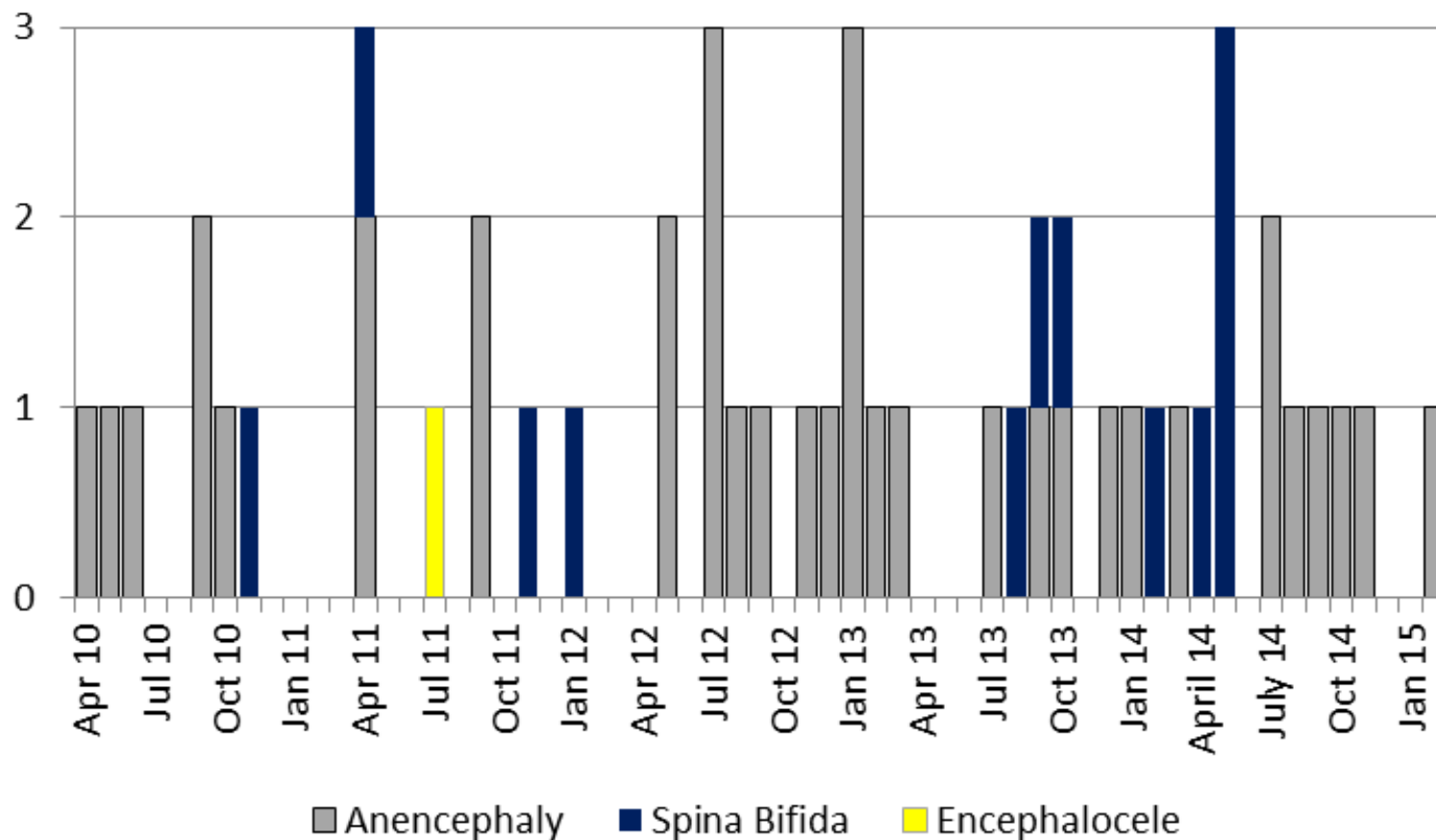
Neural Tube Defects by Year of Delivery or Estimated Year of Delivery¹

	Number	Total births	Rate per 10,000 births	95% CI
All Neural Tube Defects				
2010	7	8565	8.2	(3.3, 16.8)
2011	7	8528	8.2	(3.3, 16.9)
2012	10	8352	12.0	(5.7, 22.0)
2013	12	8084	14.8	(7.7, 25.9)
2014	13	na		
2015	1	na		
Total to date ²	50	na		
Anencephaly				
2010	6	8565	7.0	(2.6, 15.2)
2011	4	8528	4.7	(1.3, 12.0)
2012	9	8352	10.8	(4.9, 20.5)
2013	9	8084	11.1	(5.1, 21.1)
2014	8	na		
2015	1	na		
Total to date ²	37	na		

¹ Estimated year of delivery is used for cases terminated or delivered before 37 weeks gestation.

² Total to date reflects cases confirmed by October 17, 2014 with a delivery or estimated date of delivery in 2010-2015.

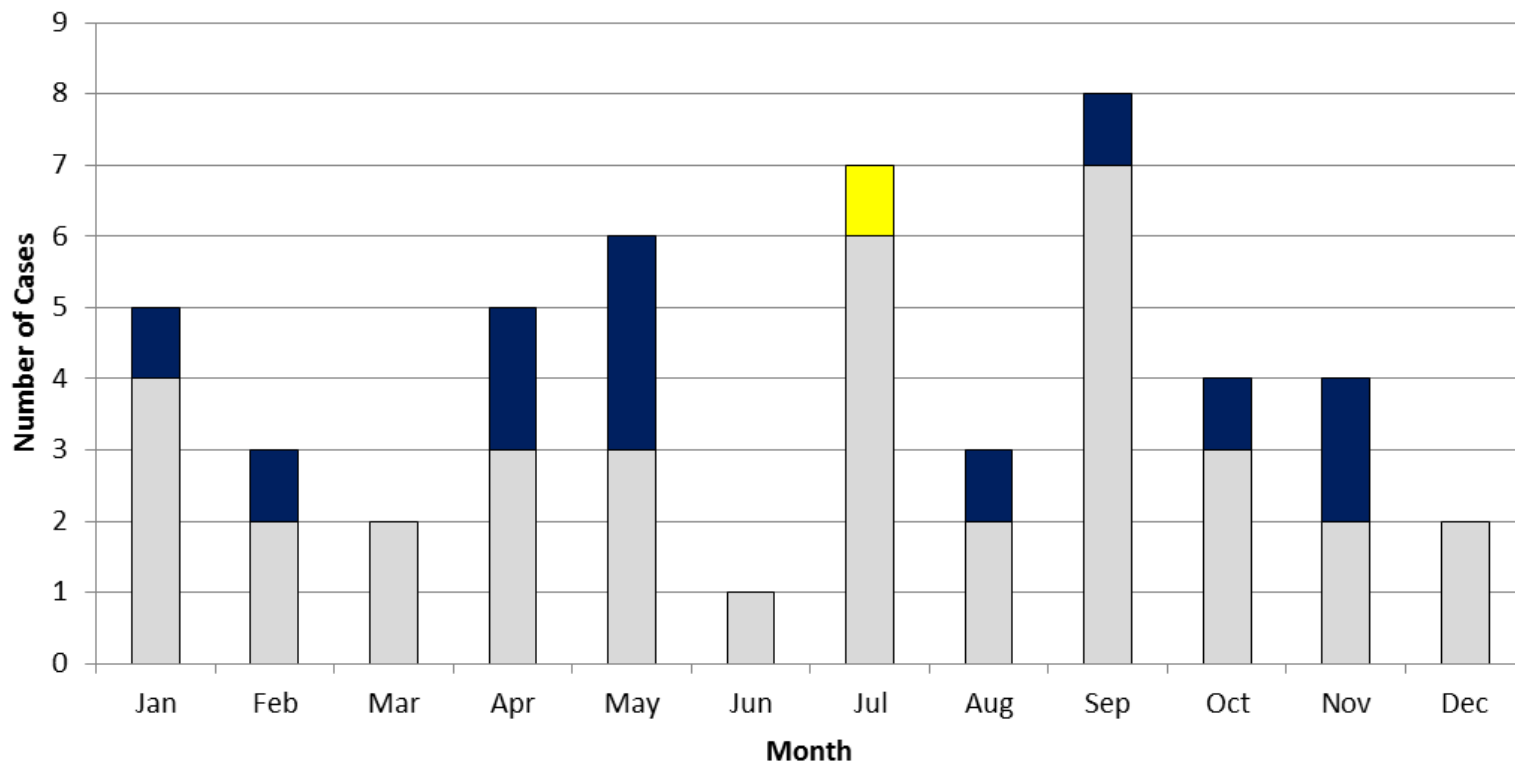
Neural Tube Defects by Month of Estimated Delivery Date*



*Estimated Delivery Date uses Delivery date for gestational age > 37 weeks and Estimated Delivery Date for gestational age < 37 weeks at delivery.

Cases were confirmed through October 17, 2014.

Neural Tube Defects by Month of Estimated Delivery Date* 2010-2015



Anencephaly
 Spina Bifida
 Encephalocele

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Neural Tube Defects by County of Residence

	Total Number ¹	Number 2010-2013	2010-2013 births	Rate per 10,000 births	95% CI
All Neural Tube Defects					
Benton County	19	14	10,171	13.8	(7.5, 23.1)
Franklin County	9	7	6,698	10.5	(4.2, 21.5)
Yakima County	22	15	16,660	9.0	(5.0, 14.9)
3 County Area	50	36	33,529	10.7	(7.5, 14.9)
Anencephaly					
Benton County	15	13	10,171	12.8	(6.8, 21.9)
Franklin County	6	4	6,698	6.0	(1.6, 15.3)
Yakima County	16	11	16,660	6.6	(3.3, 11.8)
3 County Area	37	28	33,529	8.4	(5.5, 12.1)

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Investigation Update

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- We continue to work on logistics of interview study and now have interviewers on board. We also have our protocols and approvals in place and will begin in the next few weeks.
- We'll approach mothers of all infants with NTD (anencephaly and spina bifida) who had due date within two years of study start.
- Estimate approaching approximately 28 mothers among the 50 cases confirmed through October 2014.

Investigation Update

- Comparison data is still being worked out. We hope to use data collected as part of the NBDPS study.
- Hypotheses to further explore using interview data:
 - Folic acid supplementation and food folate
 - Public vs private water source, and water use
 - Nitrates in drinking water, food and nitrosatable drug exposures
 - Parental agricultural occupations
 - Household pesticide use

Prevention Update

Prevention Activities

- Convened monthly prevention call with representation from state and local public health, perinatal coordinators and related non-profits to coordinate efforts.
- Provider Outreach
 - Incorporating messages from our blast fax into other meetings and interactions with providers in Yakima, Benton and Franklin counties.
 - Grand Rounds scheduled at UW in December.
 - Continue to look for opportunities to get our messages distributed

Prevention Activities

- Public Outreach
 - Continue to update Anencephaly investigation web page on Dept .of Health website.
 - Hispanic Commission/Department of Health radio show on anencephaly scheduled for November.
 - March of Dimes has contacted news agencies across eastern Washington about banners available for download
 - Continue to identify new opportunities for messaging and distribution of materials, and are following up on them.

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