

INJURY SURVEILLANCE & CONTROL SUBCOMMITTEE

The CSTE Injury Surveillance & Control Subcommittee was established in order to link state-based expertise in epidemiology and surveillance with injury prevention and control activities and organizations. CSTE believes that the field of epidemiology has a large impact on injury prevention and control activities. Furthermore, surveillance gaps and other needs can be addressed by the marriage of these disciplines. Subcommittee projects and publications have arisen through collaborative activities with a host of partners, including the Safe States Alliance (formerly STIPDA), the American Public Health Association (APHA), the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), the Children's Safety Network (CSN), the Society for the Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR), the Public Health Data Standards Consortium (PHDSC), and CDC/National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.



CSTE members have experience in injury epidemiology and partner with other public health agencies and academic centers to build surveillance capacity within states, conduct assessments, write reports, and engage in other activities related to injury prevention and control. One such example is the Workgroup for External Cause Coding Improvement or (WECCI), which is a forum led by CSTE and includes CDC, STIPDA, ASTHO, PHDSC, and APHA. WECCI members have outlined a comprehensive agenda to improve access to quality external cause codes (e-codes) for injury, document the extent of deficiencies in external cause coding, and prevent federal pre-emption of external cause coding mandate with implementation of ICD10. As part of the agenda, the group developed an assessment to further specify the current and planned activities of state injury programs in their attempt to get quality data from providers, and has submitted position statements to several organizations regarding the necessity of quality e-codes.

INJURY EPIDEMIOLOGY ACTIVITIES

- Communicating the importance of e- codes
- Drafted e-coding recommendation for CSTE letter to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on meaningful use objectives and criteria
- Hosting a webinar on the role of data in developing injury policy
- Participating in the seventh iteration of the Injury surveillance workgroup on poisonings

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