



Report Status

2005 AGGREGATE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

SCN staff have completed the first draft of the 2005 Aggregate Report which is currently under review. We expect to disseminate this report to all SCN participants and other interested parties in a month or so. The 2005 report includes all 64 participating centers (an increase of 4 centers from the 2004 report) and includes nearly 1.6 million patients, which accounts for more than 6.2 million encounters and 5.8 million visits to an SCN health center. The demographic distribution is fairly similar to that of 2004 with patients 18 to 44 years of age, females, and Hispanics making up the highest percentage of their respective categories. The percentage of uninsured and Medicaid patients increased between 2004 and 2005 while the percentage of patients in all other payment source categories fell.

Preliminary results also show that, among the major ICD-9 groupings, diagnoses related to preventative and routine care were the most common diagnoses and assigned to 54.4% of patients. However, this was 1.2% below the 2004 rate. Diagnoses related to diseases of the respiratory system and infections and parasitic diseases had notable increases between 2004 and 2005 affecting 25.4% and 11.8% of the SCN patient population, respectively. A more complete and detailed explanation of these figures will be available in the aggregate report.

2005 SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Many of the additional analyses that were included in the 2004 Supplemental Report have been incorporated into the 2005 Aggregate Report. The SCN team has developed a list of analyses for potential inclusion in the 2005 supplemental report and will be exploring and refining these analyses over the next month or so. One of our primary objectives is to provide more in-depth analyses that better describe the various types of high quality care that participating centers provide to their patients. The

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SCN staff encourage members to submit comments or suggestions of analyses for inclusion in the next supplemental report by email to SCN@mphi.org. An outline of analyses scheduled for the 2005 supplemental report will appear in next month's newsletter.

Announcements

ADDITION TO SCN TEAM

Kearlier this year. She has a Masters degree in public health from the Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, MA. She concentrated in Environmental Health and has experience working on various Epidemiologic design studies. The SCN is of particular interest to her because she values the importance of population based analysis and the impact of this data in the overall health of a community. The SCN staff is happy to have her join the team.

ANNUAL MEETING

To help keep the SCN members up-to-date with project activities, plans are being made for a webcast meeting in August. **Tentative** topics are:

- Value and Impact of SCN
- Benefits and Utility of SCN
- Strategies for Improving Data Submission
- Future Outlook and Objectives for the SCN
- Q&A and Discussion

Further refinement of the webcast agenda will take place over the next few weeks. More detailed information will be included in next month's newsletter.

Data Status

2006 DATA

A few centers still have not submitted data from the second half of 2006. Invoices should include the time period of the data submission and reference the SCN Project Number C-38807-18. Send to:

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