# WASHINGTON STATE IMPLEMENTATION OF INPATIENT SURVEILLANCE

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## Public Health in Washington

Population (4/1/11 estimate): 6,767,900
35 local health jurisdictions (LHJs)
Home rules state



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#### Syndromic Surveillance in WA

- Established in 2003
- Submission is voluntary
  - 16/39 counties with ≥1 facility
- Recruitment:
  - Pre-MU:
    - Recruited by LHJ with assistance from the Department of Health (DOH) (n=28)
    - RHIO contract with CDC (n=17)
  - Post-MU:
    - DOH interacts directly with submitters
      - 1 Point of Contact for syndromic and ELR
    - Test messages received from 14 facilities (3 new)
- ESSENCE system hosted by DOH





#### Syndromic Surveillance Facilities



# Core vs. Enhanced

	Core (n=28)	Enhanced (n=17)
Start Year	2003	Late 2008
Data sources		
ED	Х	Х
Urgent Care	Х	Х
Outpatient		Х
Inpatient		Х
Microbiology Labs		Х
Medical Record System	Variety	Meditech
Message frequency	1 per 24 hours	1 per 15 min
Message format	Flat file	HL7 2.5.1*
Message transport	SFT (8 feeds)	PHINMS (1 feed)
Data elements	ESSENCE only	ESSENCE +

\*ADT^A01^ADT\_A01, ADT^A03^ADT\_A03, ADT^A04^ADT\_A01, ADT^A06^ADT\_A06, ADT^A07^ADT\_A06, ADT^A08^ADT\_A01, ADT^A11^ADT\_A09, ADT^A13^ADT\_A01, ORM^O01^ORM\_O01, ORU^R01^ORU\_R01



#### **Enhanced Data Elements**

- Facility information:
  - Name
  - Zip
  - County
- Patient demographics:
  - Patient ID
  - DOB (MM/YYYY)
  - Age
  - Gender
  - Race/Ethnicity
  - Zip, County, State
- Visit information:
  - Visit ID
  - Date of admission & discharge
  - Admission source
    - Service area & assigned location

- Visit information cont.:
  - Chief complaint
  - Temperature at admission
  - O2 saturation on admission
  - Discharge disposition
  - Self-reported flu vaccination
    - Self-reported pregnancy
- Diagnosis information:
  - All diagnoses (ICD9 coded)
  - Rank
  - Status (Admitting, working, final)
- Microbiology laboratory orders and results:
  - Test code (Loinc and local)
  - Specimen source and collection date

#### Completeness of Enhanced Syndromic Data

Variable	% Complete		Variable	% Complete	
	ED	Inpatient	variable	ED	Inpatient
Age	100%*	100%	Discharge disposition	90%	98%
Sex	100%	100%	Any working or final diagnosis	87%	89%
Race	97%	99%	Any final discharge diagnosis	1.8%	71%
Zip	99%	100%	Self-reported pregnancy for women of reproductive age	24%	24%
Admit Date	100%	100%	Self-reported flu vaccination	72%	73%
Discharge Date	89%	98%	*0.05% age>120		Washington State
			0.00 % age> 120		<b>H</b> ea

# Data Collection & Processing







#### Longitudinal Database Structure



# Data Uses

Situational awareness

- Influenza-like illness (ILI) in EDs
- Lab-confirmed influenza hospitalizations
- Known outbreaks or public health emergencies
- Large events (e.g., 2010 Olympics)
- Identification of potential notifiable conditions
- Dispel or confirm rumors
- Special projects:
  - Evaluate influenza vaccination coverage in women delivering (and other high-risk populations)
  - Evaluation of invasive-pneumococcal disease hospitalizations



# Situational Awareness: ILI

#### Weekly Influenza Update

Assess geographic spread (sporadic, local, regional, widespread) of influenza

Percentage of ER Visits for ILI by CDC Week, Western Washington, 2007–2012

> 2009-2010 2010-2011 2011-2012

2011-2012 Baseline



http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehsphl/Epidemiology/CD/fluupdate.pdf

#### Situational Awareness: Lab-confirmed

#### Influenza Hospitalizations

Laboratory-Confirmed Cumulative Hospitalization Rates by Age Group (per 100,000), Spokane County, Washington 2011–2012

Hospitalized Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases by Week of Hospital Admission, Spokane County, Washington 2011–2012



# Validation of Lab-confirmed Influenza Hospitalizations in 4 Spokane Hospitals

	Syndromic Data	Traditional Reporting
Sensitivity	90%	91%
Positive Predictive Value	94%	
Timeliness (days)	5 (0 to 53)*	2 (0 to 22)

- Electronic data useful for flu hospitalization surveillance
  - Good sensitivity and specificity  $\rightarrow$  representative
  - Adequate timeliness
  - Overall, data complete
- Microbiology lab data increases sensitivity and PPV of discharge diagnoses

\* For 94% of inpatient admissions, 1st record transmitted the same day as admission

Evaluation of Flu Vaccination Status in Women Delivering at Enhanced Syndromic Sites

- December 2010
- 731 deliveries
- 571 (78%) had a known flu vaccine status
  - 174 (30%) reported receiving the flu vaccine this season
  - 397 (70%) reported not receiving the flu vaccine this season

 Information shared in a "Dear Colleague" letter distributed to WSMA, WSHA, and WSNA encouraging adult immunizations

### Lessons Learned

High variability between facilities
Develop a relationship with data provider

Questions, validation activities, data drop-outs

Learn as much as you can about how the data is collected and what happens to it before you receive it (e.g. Who recorded? When?)

- Ongoing validation required
  - Data drop outs (facility or intra-facility level)



# Advantages of Inpatient Syndromic Surveillance

- Allows more complete view of each patient visit
- Enables public health to monitor severe episodes of high volume conditions in <u>near real-time</u>
  - Saves providers and hospitals time
  - Reduces need for local health departments to collect and manually enter data
  - Timeliness allows for public health intervention
- Increases completeness of reporting if used in addition to NC reporting



#### Challenges

- Infrastructure to receive, process, and store data (e.g., staffing, hardware)
- Complexity of data analysis
- Standardization of the data
  - HL-7 messaging standardizes the fields transmitted but not content of fields
- Understanding and validating the data
  - Variation in EHR's
  - Varying workflows
  - Tracking changes at hospitals



# Future Plans

- Expand geographically under "meaningful use"
- Enhance sustainability of HL7 processing → modular, "cloud-ready" design
- Movement of HL7 processing to BioSense 2.0 locker
- Consolidate receipt of data feeds through state HIE Hub
- Explore the use of discharge diagnoses & lab results for identifying notifiable conditions
- Explore ability to identify co-morbidities and risk factors
- Explore ability to monitor other conditions of public health significance
  - Varicella
  - Non-infectious conditions



# Thank you! Questions?

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