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The **deadline** for the next MPHA Enews is **Thursday, August 2nd** the August 3rd issue.

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Learning Opportunities

2nd Annual New England Rural Oral Health Conference

"Integrating Rural Oral Health" - September 18th, 2007, Clarion Hotel Northampton, MA, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(with optional pre-conference Evaluation Training on Monday, September 17th)

Presented by:

- The New England Rural Health RoundTable

In Collaboration with:

- Massachusetts Dept. of Public health, Office of Oral Health
- New Hampshire State Oral Health Program
- Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Oral Health Program
- Vermont Department of Health, Office of Oral Health
- Connecticut State Office of Oral Public Health
- Rhode Island Office of Oral Health

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2007 Northeast Water Science Forum

Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products: State of the Science

August 8 - 9, 2007, Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, Maine

NEIWPC is organizing a conference to provide a forum for sharing the latest in high-quality, timely, and relevant scientific information and research on pharmaceuticals and personal care products (PPCP) in the water environment.

The concept of the Northeast Water Science Forum arose from an acknowledged need among Northeast state and federal agencies, interstate organizations, and academic institutions to elevate the visibility and dissemination of critical research to ensure that the best available scientific information is used to establish priorities and make management decisions regarding water resources in the Northeast. Based on the research priorities identified by the Northeast states, we have selected PPCP research as the focus of this regional science conference. The Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products: State of the Science conference aims to share and disseminate the latest in scientific information that exists on this issue to stakeholders in the Northeast.

NEIWPC member states have identified emerging contaminants, specifically PPCPs, as a cross-programmatic research priority touching on issues of occurrence, fate, human and ecological health effects, and wastewater and drinking water treatment. Pharmaceuticals and personal care products comprise a vast group of compounds manufactured in large quantities that are universally and frequently used by humans (and domesticated animals) worldwide. Environmental exposure to PPCPs occurs due to the excretion of parent chemicals, their metabolites and transformation products; the disposal of unwanted or expired PPCPs; agricultural runoff; and other pathways.

For more information contact Marianna Vulli at (978) 323-7929 or via email at mvulli@neiwpc.org.

Information

Improvement Following ADHD Treatment Sustained in Most Children

But Linked Problems Persist Into Adolescence - Major Follow-up Study

Most children treated in a variety of ways for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) showed sustained improvement after three years in a major follow-up study funded by the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). Yet increased risk for behavioral problems, including delinquency and substance use, remained higher than normal.

[Read the whole article.](#)

Exhibit Opportunities Now Available!

[Click here to view a PDF flyer of the Call for Exhibitors](#)

WHAT: Improving Patient Safety through Informed Medication Prescribing and Disposal Practices Conference (5th Annual Maine Benzodiazepine Study Group Conference & 4th Annual Unused Drug Return Conference)

WHERE: Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, Maine

WHEN: October 31 & November 1, 2007

This year's conference will offer panel discussions and workshops focusing on appropriate prescribing practices, as well as implementation of safe drug return and disposal models throughout the nation and beyond.

WHO: This event will provide your organization with the unique opportunity to showcase your products and services to a wide range of attendees including leading physicians, program developers, researchers, pharmacists, law enforcement officials, environmental experts, and community leaders in the field, representing national and international organizations.

Exhibit Booth Rates

- Non-Profit Organizations: \$100
- Commercial/ For-Profit Organizations: \$500

Each exhibitor will also receive one complimentary conference registration.

ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF VENDORS WILL BE ACCOMODATED!

To reserve your table, please contact Anna Mortensen at:

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Faster-Acting Antidepressants Closer to Becoming a Reality:

Experimental Medication Ketamine Relieves Depression in Just Hours;
Points to Targets for New Medications

A new study has revealed more about how the medication ketamine, when used experimentally for depression, relieves symptoms of the disorder in hours instead of the weeks or months it takes for current antidepressants to work.

While ketamine itself probably won't come into use as an antidepressant because of its side effects, the new finding moves scientists considerably closer to understanding how to develop faster-acting antidepressant medications - among the priorities of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), part of the National Institutes of Health.

[Full press release.](#)

Save the Date! Stroke Care in Maine

Please join us for "Stroke Care in Maine," on Monday, September 17 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland or by teleconference at the following locations: Calais Regional Hospital, Cary Medical Center-Caribou, Millinocket Regional Hospital, or Stephens Memorial Hospital-Norway.

Keynote Speaker: Lee Schwamm, MD, FAHA—Director of Tele-Stroke and Acute Stroke Services, Massachusetts General Hospital and Associate Professor of Neurology, Harvard Medical School.

Detailed conference information available at:

<http://www.mcd.org/registrations.asp>

[On-line Registration](#)

More information and a brochure will follow.

Career Opportunities

Full-Time Male Outreach Educator

The Family Planning Association of Maine is seeking a full-time Male Outreach Educator to promote healthy sexuality among teen and young adult males and to increase the community's understanding of the importance of male involvement in family planning. Duties include providing counseling, STD testing, outreach, information and educational programs to young men. Other duties include developing marketing materials to advertise male services at family planning clinic sites, providing support to family planning clinic staff, training staff statewide around male health issues and building a community network for referrals and information around male health and teen pregnancy prevention.

Preferred candidate will have knowledge and understanding of adolescent health and male teen and young adult issues; experience working collaboratively with youth serving and other community based organizations; good interpersonal skills for providing counseling and STD testing to male clients; confidence in providing educational programs and presentations to groups; and creative problem solving skills. Candidate must be able to work independently as well as part of a team.

This position comes with a full benefit package that includes medical and dental insurance, short-term and long-term disability and life insurance, vacation, sick and holiday. Salary Range (14.29 – 17.00)

Please send a resume and cover letter to Lynette Johnson ljohnson@fpam.org by August 15. EOE

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