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Keynote Speakers for RADARS[®] System 6th Annual Scientific Meeting

The RADARS[®] System is pleased to announce its keynote speakers for the 6th Annual Scientific Meeting to be held in Bethesda, MD on April 24, 2012. The meeting this year will feature an extremely diverse collection of topics ranging from intervention efforts and successes to social media strategies for prescription drug surveillance to an international perspective on prescription drug misuse and abuse.

Karen Kelly President & CEO, Operation UNITE (Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education)

Karen Kelly was tapped by Congressman Hal Rogers (KY-5th) in 2003 to create Operation UNITE and has served as the anti-drug's only director. In this role she oversees a network of community coalitions to expand drug awareness and education programs to keep people from using drugs; coordinates drug treatment and outreach programs for those who are already addicted; and operates an accredited Drug Task Force for interdiction and prosecution of those dealing drugs. In 2007, President George Bush recognized UNITE a model for the country. Currently, Ms. Kelly serves as a member of the University of Kentucky Nonprofit Leadership Initiative and is a past member of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's Drug Control Assessment Team, the KY Council on Post-Secondary Education Nominating Committee, and boards of directors for Leadership Kentucky, the Challenger Learning Center of Kentucky, and Union College Alumni Association. Ms. Kelly has served as a presenter at several state and national conferences and has testified on policy issues before the Kentucky General Assembly.



Did You Know?

In January, the FDA issued a black box warning for Vyvanse, typically used for the treatment of hyperactivity disorder. The warning states high abuse potential and with prolonged use, drug dependency.

Elizabeth E. Garrard, PharmD, RPh Chief Safety Officer – Drug Safety Alliance

Elizabeth Garrard has more than 30 years of clinical and regulatory experience spanning the pharmaceutical, clinical, hospital and retail industries. As Chief Safety Officer for Drug Safety Alliance, Inc., Dr. Garrard provides leadership in strategic planning, analysis, development, implementation and measurement of all aspects of drug safety medical services including signal management and risk evaluation and mitigation strategy. Prior to joining Drug Safety Alliance, she gained valuable Pharmacovigilance experience with GlaxoSmithKline, where she focused her expertise on both pre and post marketing adverse event reporting. Her career also includes the development of HIV, oncology and infectious disease pharmaceutical care plans for Coram Healthcare. Dr. Garrard is a licensed pharmacist and a member of the Drug Information Association (DIA) and the American Society of Health System Pharmacists.



Keynote Speakers for RADARS® System 6th Annual Scientific Meeting - cont.

Dr. Cathy F. Stannard **Consultant in Pain Medicine – Frenchay Hospital, Bristol UK**

Cathy Stannard is a Consultant in Pain Medicine at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol UK. She has written chapters and textbooks on aspects of pain management and opioid therapy in particular. She has chaired a working group and edited guidelines on Pain and Substance Misuse for the British Pain Society, Royal Colleges of Psychiatry and General Practice and Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs and has edited guidance on best practice in the use of opioids for chronic pain for the British Pain Society and Medical Royal Colleges. She has recently brought together clinicians and policy makers to produce nationally agreed guidance on Pain Management in Secure Environments. Cathy has been a member of the UK Department of Health Controlled Drugs Advisory Group and is currently a member of the group advising the Department of Health on Addiction to Medicines. She is a member of the MHRA Expert Advisory Group on Neurology, Pain and Psychiatry and is specialist advisor to the European Medicines Agency. Cathy is a NICE guideline group member on opioids in palliative care. She is a board member of the International Association for the Study of Pain special interest group on Systematic Reviews. She is former Editor-in-Chief of Pain Reviews, former news editor of PainEurope and associate editor of the European Journal of Pain.



In her clinical role, she runs specialist multidisciplinary services for children and young people with persistent pain, and for patients with a history of substance misuse or problematic use of prescribed opioids. She lectures widely on use of opioids and on problem opioid use to professionals working in the field of pain and other medical disciplines. She has recently been awarded a research grant to explore strategies for implementing opioid prescribing guidance in primary care.

In addition to the speakers detailed above, the Annual Meeting this year will also feature updated statistics on 2011 misuse, abuse, and diversion trends, the latest signals regarding abuse and tamper deterrent formulations, and an in-depth analysis on the effectiveness of prescription drug monitoring programs.

For a complete agenda and list of presenters, please go to www.radars.org and click on the “2012 Annual Meeting” link.



Quarterly Technical Reports on RADARS.org

Starting on March 31, 2012, the RADARS System will begin posting “Quarterly Technical Reports” (QTRs) on our website. These reports will utilize the data collected by our individual programs to offer our analysis of prescription drug abuse trends currently being discussed by the media, industry, or government agencies. The first QTR will address fatalities and polysubstance use among prescription opioid cases from our Poison Center Program, and it is our intent to post at least two reports a quarter as we move into the second quarter of 2012. These reports will be easily accessible on our website and will have their own dedicated landing page in our Newsroom.

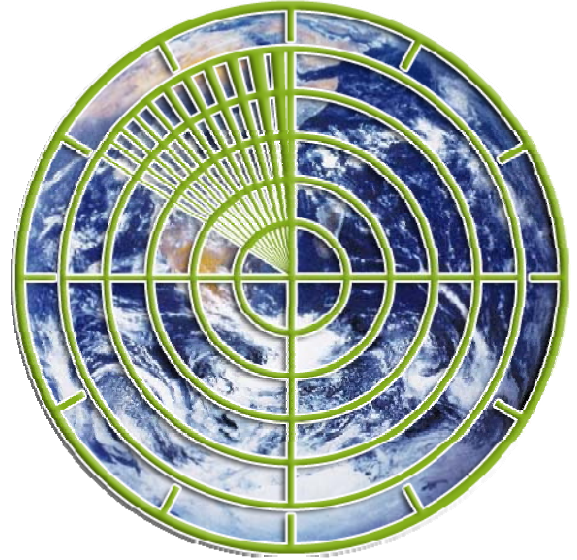
If you have ideas for reports you would like to see from the RADARS System in the future, please send them to radars@rmpdc.org for consideration.





RADARS System Goes Global

The RADARS System is thrilled to announce the acceptance of two different abstracts for poster presentation at the European Association of Poisons Centres and Clinical Toxicologists (EAPCCT) annual meeting to be held in London, England from May 29th through June 2nd 2012. We recently coordinated a joint effort between seven international poison centers to analyze opioid and stimulant exposures in their respective countries and compare trends between countries. Dr. Jody Green will be presenting data from the United States, the Netherlands, Australia, Switzerland, Germany, the United Kingdom, and Italy.



Please stop by to see the results of these studies if you are in attendance.

Recent RADARS System Publications and Presentations

- Reifler, L. M., Droz, D., Bailey, J. E., Schnoll, S. H., Fant, R., Dart, R. C. and Bucher Bartelson, B. (2012), Do Prescription Monitoring Programs Impact State Trends in Opioid Abuse/Misuse?. *Pain Medicine*, 13: 434–442. doi: 10.1111/j.1526-4637.2012.01327.x

Upcoming Meetings of Interest

- American Psychiatric Association, May 5-9, 2012. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, May 9-13, 2012. Chicago, Illinois.
- American Pain Society, May 16-19, 2012. Honolulu, Hawaii.
- American College Health Association, May 28-June 1, 2012. Chicago, Illinois.
- European Association of Poison Centres and Clinical Toxicologists, May 29-June 1, 2012. London, United Kingdom.
- Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, June 3-7, 2012. Omaha, Nebraska.
- National Association of EMS Educators, June 6-11, 2012. Orlando, Florida.
- College on Problems of Drug Dependence, June 9-14, 2012. Palm Springs, California.
- American Medical Association, June 14-16, 2012. Chicago, Illinois.
- Drug Information Association, June 24-28, 2012. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians, June 9-13, 2012. Washington, District of Columbia.
- National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, June 26-28, 2012. Savannah, Georgia.

Did You Know?

In April, New Mexico will reallocate approximately \$225,000 in state Board of Pharmacy fees to update their prescription monitoring program.

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RADARS System Mission Statement

The RADARS System provides timely, product specific and geographically-precise data to the pharmaceutical industry, regulatory agencies, policymakers and medical/public health officials to aid in understanding trends in the abuse, misuse, and diversion of prescription drugs in the United States.

Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center and Denver Health and Hospital Authority

The RADARS System is a governmental nonprofit operation of the Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center (RMPDC), an agency of Denver Health (DH). The RMPDC has been in operation for more than 50 years, making it one of the oldest poison control centers in the nation. DH is the safety net hospital for the City and County of Denver and is the Rocky Mountain region's academic Level I trauma center and includes Denver Public Health, Denver's 911 emergency medical response system, nine family health centers, 12 school-based clinics, NurseLine, correctional care, Denver CARES, the Denver Health Medical Plan, and the Rocky Mountain Center for Medical Response to Terrorism, Mass Casualties and Epidemics.



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