



## MCHP Update

*Season's greetings from MCHP. Here's the last update of 2011, including some new Concepts and Glossary Terms, as well as some highlights of the past few months.*

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### Concept Dictionary Definitions

These include a range of measures, from those for immunization and vaccine safety to definitions for conditions such as autism spectrum disorder and inflammatory bowel disease. Additional methodological information was also made available, for example, for developing a birth cohort and using different data sources to measure disability.

Click the titles to view.

- [Adult Immunization](#)
- [Vaccine Safety](#)
- [Autism Spectrum Disorder \(ASD\) - Measuring Treatment Prevalence](#)
- [Intellectual Disability \(Mental Retardation\) / Developmental Disability](#)
- [Inflammatory Bowel Disease \(IBD\) - Defining in Administrative Data](#)
- [Disability - Data Sources for Measuring Prevalence](#)
- [Birth Cohort Registry - Methodology](#)
- [Live Birth and Comparisons of Data Sources](#)
- [Household Income from Census Information - Historical](#)
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### Database News

Our list of databases has been updated to reflect years of data housed in the Repository as of December 1, 2011.

Summary descriptions were completed since our last update for 15 health databases in the Repository list. These summaries provide key information about each database such as size, purpose, scope, and source agency.

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Click the bullet points to view.

### Administrative Health Data

- Waiting list: [cardiac](#), [cataract](#), [joint replacement](#)
- [Cadham Provincial Laboratory](#)
- [Midwifery Summary Reports](#)
- [Transportation](#)
- [Telehealth](#)
- [Health Links-InfoSante](#)

### Clinical Health Data

- [Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder](#)
- [Magnetic Resonance Imaging](#)
- [Maternal Serum Screening](#)
- [Pediatric Diabetes](#)
- [Critical Care/ICU](#)
- [Medicine](#)

### Survey Health Data

- [Manitoba Heart Health Data](#)

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## Child Maltreatment Still a Major Problem

A study published last week in The Lancet reveals, despite policies meant to curb child maltreatment, it has not decreased in two decades.

Dr. Marni Brownell, researcher at MCHP, is one of the authors of the paper. She says maltreatment-related injuries were similar in Manitoba compared to the other countries while rates of foster care were substantially higher in the province than in the other countries.

[Read the paper](#)

## Ensuring All Manitoba Children Receive Equal Healthcare

In August Dr. Patricia Martens and her team recieved \$2 million in funding from CIHR for five years to tackle health and social inequity in Manitoba's children.

The study brings researchers and policy makers together and will determine which Manitoba programs have improved the overall outcomes, and verify which ones narrowed the gap in child health inequity. The objective of the collaboration is to work with those at the front line of programs and policies to help interpret and translate research findings into evidence-informed policies and programs.

[Learn more](#)

## Canadian Network for Observational Drug Effect Studies

In October the CIHR announced \$17.5 million in funding to support the Canadian Network for Observational Drug Effect Studies (CNODES) through its Drug Safety and Effectiveness Network (DSEN) Initiative.

The Manitoba node of this national project will be led by Dr. Patricia Martens of MCHP and Dr. Patricia Caetano from the Health Information Branch at Manitoba Health. The collaboration also involves researchers from the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Manitoba, as well as other researchers from within the Faculty of Medicine.

The national project will help address prescription safety through national partnerships, providing curcial evidence to policy makers in the Canadian healthcare system.

### Learn more

## Evidence Network

Led by Dr. Noralou Roos, the Evidence Network links journalists with health policy experts to provide access to credible evidence-based information. The experts cover a number of issues including aging, healthcare costs, sustainability, waiting times, among others.

For more information, visit <http://evidencenetwork.ca>.



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