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The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and Talecris Biotherapeutics are collaborating to present ***A Symposium: Improving Prevention and Treatment of Rabies and Tetanus Through Utilization of CDC Guidelines and Statewide Resources***. The DRAFT agenda is attached for your review featuring keynote speakers **Charles Rupprecht, VMD, PhD – Chief, Rabies Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA; Kumar Alagappan, MD – Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY and Howard Pue, DVM, State Public Health Veterinarian, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Jefferson City, MO**. The panel will be comprised of Missouri experts from the Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers, American Academy of Pediatrics, Infectious Disease, National Council of La Raza and a local health department director. The symposium is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2009 from 12:45pm - 4:30pm at the University of Missouri - Columbia, Missouri School of Medicine, University of Missouri-Columbia, School of Medicine, #1 Hospital Drive, MA217 Medical Sciences Building Columbia, MO 65212. Boxed Lunches will be available from 11:30am - 12:30pm. In addition, the symposium will be broadcast through the Missouri Telehealth Network. [Please read through the entire email as there are many important details outlined.](#)

Why Should We Have a Symposium on Rabies and Tetanus Prevention and Treatment?

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services realizes we face many issues regarding the prevention and treatment of rabies and tetanus, particularly as they relate to animal bites. We are striving to enhance communication with the Missouri stakeholders and healthcare providers who treat patients to help better understand the state laws and identify the available resources and tools. This symposium is an excellent opportunity to interface with these world-renowned experts.

Who Should Attend This Symposium?

Interested people who are engaged in treatment and counseling of patients with rabies or tetanus including

- Public healthcare professionals, health educators, and patient advocates
- Private healthcare professionals (Physicians, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants)
- State-wide health department officials
- Communicable diseases healthcare professionals
- Public hospital officials
- Emergency Department officials

CALL TO ACTION!

Please use the attached invitation/registration form to email to your colleagues and have them print the Symposium Registration Form and place in break rooms and cafeterias to increase awareness of this Missouri/CDC program. Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear key information on the treatment of rabies and tetanus and have your questions answered by the experts.

How can people register to attend the event?

Attendees can register the following ways:

If attending the meeting at the Acuff Auditorium:

1. Online - Please visit www.regonline.com/July21Register
2. Via Fax - Please return the completed Registration below to Robin Jennings at **919-545-0361**
3. Via Email - Please return the completed registration form and email to robin@rbendeavors.com

If attending the meeting via the Missouri Telehealth Network Broadcast:

1. Please complete the registration form below and email to Robin Jennings at robin@rbendeavors.com or fax to 919-545-0361.

Please direct any questions regarding registration to Robin Jennings at robin@rbendeavors.com or 919-545-0289. Do not hesitate to call me if you have questions or contact Cindy Yager at cindy@saboney.com or 919-881-1193.