

**Email from Dana Cole, DVM, Dipl. ACVIM, PhD**  
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Hello,

The Georgia Division of Public Health 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 key note speakers Charles Rupprecht, VMD, PhD - Chief, Rabies Program, The Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, GA; Jennifer Wright, DVM - Veterinary Epidemiologist, The Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, GA; and speakers on Rabies and Tetanus from the Georgia Division of Public Health. The panel will be comprised of experts from Georgia from the American Academy of Pediatrics, Hospital Emergency Department, Infectious Disease, Poison Control Center, National Hispanic Medical Association, and a local Health District Epidemiologist. The symposium is scheduled on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 from 9:00am - 12:30pm at the Emory Conference Center Hotel, 1615 Clifton Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30329. 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 Georgia Division of Public Health realizes we face many issues regarding the prevention and treatment of rabies and tetanus, particularly as they relate to animal bites and natural disasters. We are striving to enhance communication with the Georgia 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 exposure including

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

**CALL TO ACTION!**

Please forward this email with the attached invitation/registration form and draft agenda to your colleagues in the healthcare community and have them print the invitation and post in key areas to increase awareness of this Georgia/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 one of the following three ways:

1. Online - [www.regonline.com/June30Register](http://www.regonline.com/June30Register)
2. Email - complete the attached registration form and email to Robin Jennings at [robin@rbendeavors.com](mailto:robin@rbendeavors.com)

3. Fax - complete the attached registration form and fax to 919-545-0361

The symposium registration deadline is June 22, 2009.

Please direct any questions regarding registration to Robin Jennings at [robin@rbendeavors.com](mailto: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](mailto:cindy@saboney.com) or 919-881-1193.

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